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Beloved Pastor, past and present members of this church, and friends:—

We have gathered on this occasion to observe a grand memorial day of our church, to renew our acquaintance with its history, and learn something of its inception and development in our town, thus following time-honored examples, for we learn from the records that memorial periods are old as the ages, and have been celebrated by all nations with varied ends in view. They are scattered like polished milestones along the highways of time, serving to fix notable events in the mind and save them from oblivion.

Among the Greeks the Olympiads formed a special feature during the centuries of their growth and decadence, when the athletes contended for the victor's crown, or the poet sang to win immortal fame. In our own land its natal day is yearly honored, keeping alive the spirit of patriotism and the remembrance of freedom won. And all the Christian world unites at Christmastide to celebrate the Savior's birth with song and praise. In the ancient Jewish church memorial periods were of divine appointment, and were annual, septennial, or semi-centennial in their recurrence; they were designed to foster a knowledge of the wonderful dealings of Providence in the development of national life, and teach succeeding generations their dependence upon Jehovah as their theocratic king.

And it is well, in this practical age of ours, that we also are inclined to pause now and then, to take note of the important cycles in our different organizations, thereby nourishing our veneration for Him who has led us in all the years of the past, and our regard for those identified with the work, thus gaining new inspiration wherewith to meet the foes of progress and Christianity. But before we consider the picture of our church life in detail, let us for a moment glance at its wonderful perspective, stretching away through the settlement of our town, back to the coming of the Fathers of New England, having a luminous atmosphere, vibrant with the myriad voices of grand men and women who have made New England what she has been, and is, and shall be; a mere glance will solve the problem which made it necessary and desirable for the establishment of our church in Palmer.

They tell us that out among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and along the spurs of the Sierra Nevadas, where the mining camps cluster in the ravines, the bronzed-faced toilers there,—some of whom migrated from New England in early life,—recalling their later religious privations and remembering the far-off days of church-going and their genial May Sabbaths and the prayers of mothers long gone to rest, refer to their childhood's home as "God's Country." What more eloquent tribute than this can be paid to any land? And why does the bare remembrance of our rugged corner of the Republic call forth such grand recognition? It is because the Bible, the Church, and a consecrated ministry have set their lasting impress upon it, saving it from wreckage on the shores of unbelief. It is a land where from the first footfall of the Pilgrims to the present, whose every village has had its church spire pointing heavenward, whose every week has had its Sabbath of rest and holy worship, breathing benedictions of peace. With all its failings and shortcomings, New England is "God's Country," permeated with forces which make for manhood and righteousness, with principles which will forever remain the beacon of the world; and it has set the pace which the great sisterhood of states will do well to follow, if they would fulfill the glorious destiny possible for them in the coming years. The poet has sung:

"To the glory that was Greece,
And the grandeur that was Rome,"

but I would fain exult in the character that is New England, which immeasurably transcends, in its abiding moral force, the triumphant art of Athens, or the palling glitter of pagan Rome, because its foundations are laid in the eternal hills of God.

With Channing

"I sing New England, as she lights her fire
In every prairie's midst; and where the bright
Enchanting stars shine pure through Southern night.
She still is there, the guardian on the tower,
To open for the world a purer hour."

But what has the early history of New England to do with the celebration of our anniversary? Much indeed, for the coming of the Pilgrims and the Puritans transformed a heathern wilderness into "God's Country," and made possible the planting of Palmer in the fullness of the years, and the genesis and development of a church here a prime necessity. If Plymouth had her Pilgrims, exiles from opposition, so did Palmer in the persons of the Scotch Presbyterians, who left Scotland to escape the tyranny of James, and later North Ireland because of further persecutions. Here in 1727 and on they found refuge in our primeval forest, where with their English friends from the river towns who joined them, they soon formed a growing settlement. These Scotch pioneers cherished the memory of ancestors who had learned of freedom under Bruce and Wallace, and were imbued with the stern religious principles of Knox; and these English claimed lineage from sires who had studied deeply in the schools of Cramner and of Pym and Hampden, and had found in the liberty-inspiring wilds of the new world room for the growth and expansion of those basic ideas of Church and State generated in the fatherland, and destined to bear generous fruitage in the home of their adoption. These men were fitted by inherited worth and moral discipline to found a town or a state; with them it was first a home, next a church, and then the school. With these fixed principles in mind, they had no sooner let the sunshine into the forests, where crops could grow, and set up their rude homes, then they began to make provisions for Sabbath ministrations, so necessary for maintaining their spiritual well-being, dearer to them than the luxury left behind in the old world life. So as early as 1730 they established the church of Christ in Palmer, which has since been so rich in results for good. After listening to several candidates, they secured the services of Rev. John Harvey, who began preaching May 11, 1731; who was ordained the first settled minister in Palmer June 5th, 1734; and as no house was yet provided for the public worship, the services were held under the spreading branches of a goodly oak in the rear of Mr. Harvey's house. Doubtless the exercises were thoroughly Presbyterian and acceptable,

"E'en though the temple's floor was earth's green sod,
It's roof the vault of Heaven."

The first meetinghouse was completed and occupied in November, 1735, and located at the Old Center. It was built out of the poverty of the settlers, and as might be supposed, was of limited dimensions, being but 30 by 36 feet, of one story, uncelled and unadorned, uncomfortably cold in winter, and unreasonably warm in summer, yet for more than 60 years it continued to be the one assembling place for worship on the Sabbath, or for business on public occasions. Just 100 years ago the original house was replaced by a large and commodious building, which continued to remain the church home of the town for 50 years longer, till new conditions arose, which caused its abandonment on the division of the church.

Rev. John Harvey remained in charge of the church until 1748, and was succeeded in 1753 by Rev Robert Burns, who remained

Rev. Thomas Wilson, First Pastor.

but four years. But the most notable pastorate of the old-time days of Palmer was realized in that of Rev. Moses Baldwin, who received a settlement here in 1761, and remained in active service through the closing Colonial period, and on through the Revolutionary and post-bellum days, for 50 years, the most exciting and trying period of our town history. He was a grand figure in our town life, commanding in presence, bronzed by toil on his own farm, made necessary on account of the poverty of his flock; yet forgetful of his own privations he cheered his parishioners by his unflinching trust and faithful ministrations, moving among them as a father watching over his children, endearing himself to them by his loving tenderness; no wonder they mourned for him with genuine sorrow when he was summoned from service at the age of 81 years. He sleeps in the ancient cemetery at the Old Center, with his former parishioners in silent array about him, a fitting resting-place for him and them, who wrought so many years together.

Mr. Baldwin was followed by the scholarly Colton; the gentle Sweet, whose life faded

Rev. Joseph Vaille, D. D., Second Pastor.

all too soon; the worthy Ware; the brusque and astute Backus; and lastly by the genial and devoted Moses K Cross, who was settled in 1842, and resigned in 1849, because of failing health. It was during the latter pastorate when events culminated which caused the amicable division of the ancient Palmer church. The wizard of modern progress had waved his wand over our town, and it quickly awoke from the slumber of a hundred years and entered upon a new life. The railroad had invaded its borders, the mills had come with busy spindles; four new villages had sprung into life and activity, and the Old Centre was forsaken, leaving its old-time church like the Shiloh of ancient Israel, to lapse into ruin. Thorndike claimed the mother church, while half the

Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton, Third Pastor.

members were kindly dismissed by Rev. Mr. Cross with his blessing, to form the nucleus of another congregation in Palmer village, just rising into notice and importance.

Out from this historic background, with its mountain heights illumed by divine approval, stands forth the slowly-developed picture representing our branch of church life to the present time. And little may we wonder that our fathers sought to establish a church in the early days of our village, with its significant possibilities, for behind them, as we have seen, loomed the helpful and uplifting experiences of ancestors in whose veins coursed the commingled blood of Covenanters, Puritans and Huguenots, who always had the courage of their convictions and the faith to enforce duty when the door of opportunity opened for them. And so, when the way was prepared 50 years ago to-day, an ecclesiastical council was convened in McGilvray's hall, in this village, for the purpose of organizing the Second Congregational church of Palmer. Fifty-four members, just dismissed from the First church, and three from the church in Brimfield, then entered into church covenant and commenced the career which we have gratefully met to celebrate. Nine days after its organization the new church made choice of Benjamin Converse and Lebbeus Chapin for its deacons, they having served in the same capacity for many years in the First church. On the 28th of April the two churches celebrated the Lord's Supper together for the last time at the Old Centre. The next Sunday, May 2d, the new church held its first service in the schoolhouse, now the Conant homestead near the driving park, conducted by Rev. Henry J. Lamb, a native of Palmer, who officiated for several Sundays and was then succeeded by the venerable Dr. Alfred Ely of Monson, who supplied the desk in the hall just fitted up in the McGilvray block for several successive months. It is said that Dr. Ely often occupied an hour in prayer, and that his sermons were equally long; but he had a well-stored mind, and so held the attention of his hearers.

On the last day of April the ecclesiastical society connected with our church was formed by 50 gentlemen of this village and vicinity, and still continues its corporate existence, although none of its founders survive.

The growing needs of the new society for better accommodations soon manifested

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themselves, and means were taken for the erection of the church wherein we now worship. The corner-stone, a granite block taken from the slope of Mt. Bunyan, was laid with appropriate services by Rev. Dr. Ely, under the directions of Col. Knox, Col. King and A. V. Blanchard, and witnessed by a large number of interested people The church was dedicated with solemn services Dec. 22d, 1847; the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. E Russell of Springfield. Rev. Thomas Wilson, then a licentiate, who had preached so acceptably for our church on several occasions, was given a unanimous call Jan. 17th, 1848, by our church and society, which call he accepted at a salary of $600 per annum, a very usual stipend for those days. February 29th was appointed for the ordination and installation services. The council was composed of pastors and delegates from the following Congregational churches: Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., senior pastor, Rev. Charles B. Kittridge, junior pastor, Dea. A. W. Porter, delegate, Monson; Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., pastor, David Whitney, delegate, North Brookfield; Rev. Leonard S. Parker, pastor, Moses Harris, delegate, West Brookfield; Rev. John Bowers, pastor, North Wilbraham; Rev. Lyman Whiting, pastor, Lawrence; Linus Homer, delegate, Brimfield; Edward Ingersoll, delegate, Fourth church, Springfield; Rev. Nahum Gates, pastor, East Ware; Rev. D. N. Coburn, pastor, J. B. Wetherbee, delegate, West Ware; Rev. M. K. Cross, pastor, Dea. Wilson Foster, delegate, First church, Palmer; Rev. Charles Smith, pastor, Dea. Asa Patrick, delegate, Warren.

The council organized with Rev. Dr. Alfred Ely for moderator, and the entire day was occupied with preliminary matters and the examination of the candidate, which, proving entirely acceptable, it was voted to proceed with the services of ordination and installation the following day, March 1st, which vote was carried out in the following order:—

Reading of Scriptures, and Introductory prayer,	Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D.
Sermon,	Rev. Lyman Whiting
Ordaining prayer,	Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D.
Charge to the Pastor,	Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D.
Right hand of Fellowship,	Rev. M. K. Cross
Charge to the People,	Rev. Charles B. Kittridge
Concluding prayer,	Rev. Leonard S. Parker
Benediction,	Rev. Thomas Wilson.

Of those who took an active part on that memorable occasion, Rev. Thomas Wilson and Rev. Dr. Whiting, who are with us today, Rev. Leonard S. Parker, now of North Cambridge, and Rev. M. K. Cross of Waterloo, Iowa, only survive, venerable with age and life-long service in the Master's cause; the others have gone

"Where the noble have their country
When the work of life is done."

Mr. Wilson, just graduated from his theological course at Andover, came to Palmer with a zeal born of courage and prudence, and he soon won a place in the hearts of his people which has been kept warm all these years by those who survive to welcome this day. He took a keen interest in public affairs, as is evidenced by the fact of his accepting the onerous task of preparing and delivering the historical address on the observance of Palmer's centennial anniversary in 1852, which was a model of its kind. He was fortunate in having a united church and parish from the first, and won strong friends among those outside the church, one of whom always made it a point to be present on rainy Sundays, and when asked his reason for such thoughtfulness, replied: "Nearly everyone is sure to be present when the sun shines, but I aim to help make up the deficiency when a majority are likely to remain at home."

After four years of service the pastor found his salary insufficient, and reluctantly asked for a dismission, which request was granted with deep regret by the parish, and took effect July 1st, 1852. Forty-six members had been added to the church during his short pastorate and a deep religious interest had been manifested in the community, while the foundations of this church had been well and strongly laid. Thus began and closed the first pleasant and successful pastorate of our church, and Mr. Wilson went to another field of service, followed by the well-wishing of all his parishioners.

Two years passed, and in September, 1854, a united call extended to Rev. Joseph Vaille, D D, of Somers, Ct., to become the pastor of our church, which he accepted, and was installed December 7th, the same year. The installing council was composed of such men as Rev Drs. Snell, Ely, Osgood and Bond, Rev. Messrs. Tuck, Wilson, Bowers and Morse, Rev. Dr. Bond preaching

Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Fourth Pastor.

the sermon. Dr. Vaille had had thirty-seven years experience in the ministry and was 64 years of age when he entered upon his last pastorate; yet he retained the vigor of youth, sustained by the wonderful spirit of cheerfulness, which he possessed in a marked degree. He commenced his work here with the energy so characteristic of him, and by his politic course won a large place in the love and esteem of the community. His notable and successful experience as a solicitor for Amherst College in the crisis of its affairs had made him an adept in the study of human nature, and it was wonderful how he would transform an indifferent parishioner to a warm personal friend by those graceful attentions which were a part of his nature. He was an active man in his parish, making frequent visits among its members, never allowing a new comer to feel slighted because of the pastor's neglect, feeling with the noble Roman of old, that a day was lost in which no kind act had been performed, or some sorrow lifted from a burdened soul, or some heart made lighter because of a glad recognition.

Rev. Howard W. Pope, Fifth Pastor.

The church prospered under his watchful care, yet the traditional methods were in some measure maintained. Three sermons were delivered each Sunday, and during prayers all the congregation arose and remained standing; the mid-week meetings were mostly occupied by the pastor, with an occasional prayer offered by one of the deacons. The sermons of Dr. Vaille were largely practical, adapted to the needs of the times, and delivered in an impressive manner. It was in the midst of his pastorate that our civil war broke out; well do many of us remember that eventful Sunday; during the mid-day intermission, how we listened with something of a new-born awe as the munitions of war thundered through our town with carloads of armed men,

Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, Present Pastor.

hastening to the front to drive back the rebel foe. Soon our church became the center where patriotic women met to prepare and collect needed stores for husbands, brothers and sons at the front, thus proving more than by empty words that they were not forgotten. The weeks and months of three years dragged slowly by, till at last came the news of peace, and then bow joyfully our bell pealed forth its notes of gladness, never so musical before, for a mighty burden was rolled off our nation and the world breathed free again. Then quickly followed the tragic death of that greatest and best of men, Lincoln. Our church took on the garb of a sincere sorrow, and our venerable pastor, with a voice tremulous with emotion, gave eloquent expression to a tribute of praise for one of God's noblemen martyred for freedom's cause. How vividly come back those days of trial and anxiety, in which our church had its full share, for many of its members went forth at the call of duty, and Dr. Vaille was always in the forefront of patriotic movements, encouraging by pulpit utterances and by the prayer of faith the cause of liberty and truth.

Time passed on, till Dr. Vaille had attained to his 78th year, then having been in active service for fifty-four years, he felt the time had come for him to lay aside the care of a pastorate, and resigned his charge February 12th, 1868. Recognizing his worth, and as a grateful compliment to him, his townsmen elected him to a seat in the state Legislature of 1869 He entered upon the new field of labor with much interest, and had just prepared a paper expressing his views on temperance legislation, when he came home to spend the day, but on alighting from the cars at our station he received the first premonition of the beginning of the end, and on Monday, February 22d, 1869, "the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken," and the lips of "the old man eloquent" were closed forever. He was mourned by his parishioners and townsmen as a friend whom they long had loved and esteemed, for he had exemplified in his life the purest precepts of a devoted ministry to Christ.

Dr. Vaille was a true gentleman of the old school, always dignified, yet easy of approach by rich or poor, always dressed in a style of neatness which bespoke a man of culture and taste He was a man whom our church will ever delight to honor in its annals, and cherish in its memory.

A council which dismissed Dr. Vaille February 12th, 1868, ordained and installed Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton as the third pastor of our church. The principal features of the occasion were as follows: Invocation and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. E. M. Haynes; prayer by Rev. A. H. Cooledge; sermon by Rev. William S. Tyler of Amherst College; ordaining prayer by Rev. Joseph Vaille, D. D; charge to the pastor, Rev. Thomas Wilson; fellowship of churches, Rev. Charles B Summer; charge to the people, Rev. Henry N. Parson; prayer, Rev. W. B. Bond; closing with a hymn, "Welcome to the pastor."

Mr. Fullerton came to his first field of pastoral labor with the laudable desire to build up a strong and aggressive church; he had received the best training which Amherst and Andover could give, reinforced by later journalistic experience, and soon succeeded in transmitting some of his enthusiasm to the minds of his parishioners. The church cheerfully responded to the call of its new leader, and all its departments of work were enlarged and filled with fresh activity; the Sunday school was remodeled and its usefulness largely increased; the matter of benevolences was systematized, and nearly all the congregation were influenced to have a share in its noble work. To Mr. Fullerton belongs the credit of introducing an innovation which has been of lasting benefit to our church, namely, that women should have her full share of activity in the prayer meeting, and that the youth should be encouraged to early enter the church.

The increasing prosperity of our parish soon warranted the complete remodeling of the church building, to make it comport with modern ideas; the small organ gave place to a pipe organ, and a parsonage was added to the parish belongings, and at the close of the pastorate, one hundred and ninety-six members had been added to the church, sixty-nine of whom were largely the result of the revival in 1878, under the leadership of Mr. Bliss, the evangelist. Mr. Fullerton took an active interest in public affairs, and in 1870 was elected a member of the school board, in which office he was continued during his residence in town, and our schools owed much of their improvement to his wise oversight. He also encouraged literary pursuits in his parish, and organized a society of which he was president, having fortnightly meetings, in which books, general literature and kindred subjects were discussed and papers read, much to the benefit of the members. He was also one of the prime movers for the establishment of the original circulating library of our village, out of which has grown our present efficient public library. His executive ability was a great aid to all enterprises with which he was connected, and when he decided, after a pastorate of 13 years, to sever his connection with our church, his congregation deeply felt the loss of one who had rendered such long and faithful service. His request for a dismission was granted July 6th, 1881, and he went to a larger field of labor in Waltham, where he continued with marked success for many years.

Our next pastor was Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Jr., who was ordained and installed June 7th, 1883, on which interesting occasion the prayer was offered by Rev. S. G. Buckingham, D. D., the sermon by Rev. C. D. Hardraudt, D. D, charge to pastor by Rev. L. W. Pratt, D. D, right hand of fellowship by Rev. S. S. Howard; and the charge to the people by Rev. E. M. Fullerton. Mr. Hunter came directly to us upon the completion of his studies at Hartford Theological Seminary, and by his devotion to his people and his earnest and eloquent sermons soon won a large place in the affections of his church and congregation. He entered heartily into the work of the Sunday school, and instituted stated meetings for the young people, which he led each Sunday afternoon, thus greatly interesting them in devotional work. His stay with us was altogether too brief, being severed in three years, closing at his request July 25th, 1886. His success since leaving us has been deserved and notable; he is now pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian churches in Minneapolis.

Rev. Howard W. Pope became our fifth pastor November 3d, 1886, having asked for dismission from the Congregational church in Manchester, Ct., for that purpose. On the occasion of the installation the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Twitchell, D. D.; the prayer of installation was offered by Rev. S G Buckingham; the right hand of fellowship by Rev. E. H. Byington; the charge to the people by Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Jr.; the closing prayer by Rev. M. S Howard. Mr. Pope was much interested in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and soon led the younger members of our congregation to complete the organization of a branch of the society which proved a success from the beginning, and has continued to be one of the most useful auxiliaries of the church in promoting the devotional interest of the young people, thus proving the wise forethought of the prime originator of the society. About fifty members were added to the church during Mr. Pope's pastorate. He was earnest and devoted in his work among us, and left many warm friends when he asked for a dismissal from the pastorate, which was granted by a council held May 23d, 1892. Mr. Pope is now doing effectual work as assistant secretary of the International Christian Workers' Association, with headquarters at New Haven.

Our present pastor, Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, was installed April 19, 1893, four years ago this month. The following order of installation services was observed:

Sermon,	Prof. C. S. Beardslee
Prayer of Installation,	Rev. S. G. Buckingham
Charge to the pastor,	Rev. M. S. Howard
Right hand of fellowship,	Rev. F. S. Hatch
Charge to the people,	Rev. Howard W. Pope
Closing prayer,	Rev. Carlos H. Hanks.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Alfred Peats' Wall Paper; finest line ever shown in town; prices low. L. A. Conant.

PALMER NEWS.

CHURCH SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

50 Years of Church Life Celebrated by the Second Congregational Church.

The semi-centennial celebration of the Second Congregational church, which was held yesterday, was an event which will long be remembered by all who participated therein. The careful preparations which had been made were carried out without a mar of any kind, the weather was all that could be desired, and large audiences were in attendance at both the afternoon and evening services. That of the afternoon was marked by the large number of persons present who are well along on the journey of life; old acquaintances were renewed, old scenes and incidents recalled, and the past church life in a measure lived over again by many, some of whom had not met for years and in all probability will never meet again on this earth. One only of the original plans was not carried out; Rev. Moses K. Cross of Waterloo, Iowa, the pastor at Palmer Center when the church was divided to form the Second church, who had promised to send a letter, was too ill to write or even dictate.

The platform of the audience room was handsomely decorated with Easter lillies, potted plants in bloom, and ferns, and a quartette and choir of a dozen voices sang most acceptably during the exercises, which began in the afternoon with an organ prelude, followed by a Te Deum by the quartette and choir. Rev. Dr. Whiting gave an invocation and Rev. S. G. Butter of Three Rivers read from the Bible used fifty years ago. The prayer was offered by Rev. M. S. Howard of Wilbraham. The hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," was then sung by the congregation, followed by the address of welcome by Rev. F. E. Jenkins, pastor of the church, who said:

The pleasant duty has been assigned me of speaking a few words of welcome to all who have gathered here to-day. The swift running years have rounded out their full fifty since this church was organized April 1, 1847. The history of the world has seen no other fifty years in which there have been so many changes as in these. This church owes its existence to the new commercial and industrial conditions that were beginning fifty years ago to revolutionize the world. The railroad made the village which called for this church. Our historian will bring before us to-day the great outlines of the history of this church, but its full history and influence are known in Heaven only.

The circumstances under which we gather at this time are peculiarly auspicious. A kind providence has given us this beautiful day in this beautiful week. All the pastors this church ever had, except one, are now living, and all but one of the living are with us to-day. More than this, the one who preached the installation sermon of the first pastor is with us. We are to be congratulated not only that the first pastor and the preacher of his installation sermon are here, but that they are in such vigor of body and mind as to give two of the principal addresses of the day.

On behalf of the church, I welcome first of all those who have served this church in the pastorate. You wrought well and the influence of your work backed by consecrated lives, remains. I welcome you, who preached the installation sermon of the first pastor. We congratulate ourselves that you are able to be here. I welcome the former members of this church who have returned to join in this celebration. You have carried hence something of the influence of this church, and you have left behind a part of yourselves in the life of this church. We are glad you are here to-day. I welcome to this gathering the neighboring pastors and representatives of neighboring churches. There is in this town and region a delightful spirit of Christian fellowship. Churches more loyal to their own convictions I never knew; but we have learned how to be loyal to our convictions and to respect, love and work with one another to advance the kingdom of God.

Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, neighbors, friends, on behalf of this church, I heartily welcome you all to these jubilee exercises. May God bless you.

This was followed by the greeting from the mother church, by Rev. G. M. Gerrish, of Thorndike, the present pastor:

It has been said that it is not to the credit of children to deny their ancestry, and surely the converse is true, that it is not to the credit of parents to deny their offspring. There is no desire, I am sure, on the part of the First church of Palmer to ignore the second, its child. When I remember that the church of which I am pastor has an history extending not only over fifty, but over more than one hundred and fifty years, and that this first church was founded in the wilderness by hardy pioneers, in the midst of privations and hardships, and then am conscious of the many churches now existing in Palmer, I can but be impressed with the part which the church has played in leveling and sweetening society and in ushering in a better day.

The parent is ever interestrd in the child, and so we rejoice in your successes and joys, and are grieved at your discouragement. If you are larger than we, if your opportunities are greater, it is a cause of satisfaction to us. The birth of a child is a cause for joy to the mother; ever then must joy fill the heart of that church which shall see its usefulness perpetuated in other of its kind; ever must it feel a deep gratitude that the interests of God's kingdom are being served and its sphere of usefulness is broadened by this natural growth. Such joy is ours to-day as we look with pride upon our child. I bring you greetings then, from the mother church in the name of God the Father and of Christ His Son.

Next came the greeting from the churches in fellowship, by Rev. F. S. Hatch of Monson, who said in part:

I am honored with the privilege of bringing you greetings from neighbor churches in fellowship with you. It is a grand and precious privilege, and our greetings are both sincere and large. On this delightful anniversary we joy and rejoice with you. And we all have the same feeling toward you. Of the churches around yours you have the esteem of every one. Indeed this church was never more deeply loved than now, and never so highly honored by kindred bodies as to-day. And so it is exceedingly agreeable to tell you the whole truth; we have nothing to keep back. Our felicitations this afternoon are both hearty and unanimous. "We wear a face of joy" because our hearts are overflowing therewith.

We congratulate you first of all upon your spiritual enlargement. We believe you are a more deeply spiritual company of Christians than you were fifty years ago, or twenty-five, or ten years ago. You respond more earnestly and unitedly to the call of the spirit than ever before. This is the greatest thing that could be said of this church or any church. To begin with, there is nothing in the universe—as we acknowledge it—so beautiful as growth. To say that you have grown is to say the greatest possible thing. One object of the church is the spiritual growth of its members. No other growth can compensate for stagnation just here. Noble architecture, impressive music, increased numbers, financial prosperity,—we want these for they are good to have, but spiritual enlargement is worth them all. We rejoice not only in what you have become but also in what you have done and are doing. Your zeal and wisdom in training youth to a knowledge of the Bible and to active service in the kingdom of God has provoked many of us to similar good works. Your special benevolence, your cordial hospitality, your sense of the fellowship that binds together Congregational churches and associates them with other Christian communions, your appreciation of civic responsibility, your determination to win men from sin to holiness by all-wise methods, ordinary and extraordinary, your growing charity for one another, these and kindred manifestations of the true spirit of Christian love and service have been both the delight and inspiration of neighboring churches.

We congratulate you further upon the faithful pastors who have led you in the service of God during all these fifty years. Several pastors have ministered to you. It were possible that you should have had only one; a pastorate of fifty years is not unknown. But a young church needs different pastors just as a boy needs a variety of teachers. The first half century in the life of a church should not set the shape of the church in the mould of any one mind, but in the larger and more symmetrical form that results from the combination of several minds working for a given result. This has been the blessed history of your church. God has given you different men and different types of men; each has added to your present efficiency. Wilson the organizer, genial, sweet [illegible] strong; Vale, [illegible]acious, the [illegible] you ever

Mrs. Eliza W. Breckenridge, the only living member who came from the First to the Second Congregational church 50 years ago.

had; Fullerton the scholar, whose fine literary flavors were the delight of the region; Hunter the orator, whom every other church wanted to secure; Pope the evangelist, heavenly-minded and serene; your present pastor, the hero, patient and brave, not with human courage, but because he walks with God and sees the sure victory of righteousness even as the Master sees. What a galaxy of talent and influence! What an array of spiritual and mental power! You ought to be as good as you are, and perhaps a little better, having had such a line of faithful men to serve you.

And I also treasure it up in your behalf that you have recognized the essential holiness of the pastors. It takes a good man to know a good man when he finds one. From time to time you have had differences with your pastors, but that is to be expected. It belongs to the human constitution of churches and ministers. But what I am rejoicing over just now is that you, as a church, have loved your pastors, have trusted absolutely in their integrity and have been loyal to them in such measure that every one of them would like to come back and take you by the hand and greet you in the name of the King and the Kingdom. We believe that it may be truly said that you are more loyal and helpful to your present pastor than to any of his predecessors. So may it be said of your devotion to every succeeding pastor until the end. May the latest ever be the dearest. May your love abound yet more and more.

And the last reason for our joyful greeting is the best and greatest of all: You have so much to do! Your possibilities are so great! A church is to be congratulated not merely upon its past, but upon its present and future. You have yet a great work to perform. You are the natural center of a considerable region. You are called to such wisdom and zeal, to such service and sacrifice and persistent endeavor, to such a consecrated inward life as shall make you the spiritual center of all this group of churches. I greet you therefore with unmeasured joy because unto you it is given, more than to any of us, to advance the final stage and consummation of the Kingdom of God.

The quartette and choir then sang Jubilate Deo, followed by the historical address by O. P. Allen, which will be found in full on the first page. The congregation sang ' Oh, where are kings and empires now?" this being followed by an address by the first pastor of the church, Rev. Thomas Wilson, which we also give in full. "Blest be the tie that binds" was then sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Howard.

An informal reception to the former pastors followed, and supper was served in the vestry of the church at 6 to delegates and invited guests.

The evening service began at 7 with an organ prelude, followed by the quartette and choir. Rev. O. G. Petrie of the Universalist church read the Scriptures, and Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church offered prayer. The quartette sang "Holiest, breathe an evening blessing," which was followed by the first address of the evening, "The pastor's burdens and joys," by Rev. B. M. Fullerton, D. D.

When I entered the ministry I preached here at once; was called and was ordained February 12th, 1896. It was my first field and I stayed here over thirteen years. I knew everybody in this village then, and as time went on came to know the citizens of the other villages and of this town very well. This was my first experience as a minister, and I am bound to say that I had a very good time. There is no people that I regard and have always regarded with more of interest, sympathy, love, (and there is a certain freshness about this regard) than I do and always have this people. And I wish that a large number who are gone from earthly vision were here to hear me say it. I miss their familiar faces and voices very much. I have said that my introduction to the ministry was here; however, I stayed too long to be merely introduced. There were so many years of that stay as to give me a considerable experience among you. There is the same kind of work here as elsewhere, and this church affords many experiences identical with those in churches of larger membership. It bears the same kind of relation to the kingdom of God, and the spiritual uplift of the congregation requires the same influences. And in what I shall say about the topic assigned me, "The Burdens and Joys of a Minister's Life," I shall draw from my experience here as well as from my observation and experience elsewhere.

Among the burdens of a minister's life is the narrowness of the criterion by which he is judged and of the rules to which he is expected to conform. The narrow conditions to which I allude affect his wife and children as much as himself. A minister often finds that some of his parishioners and church members think that they may do things which he and his family must not do. It does not seem to be understood that what is right for others is right for him and them. The gauge by which the members of the congregation measure themselves and that by which they test their ministers are two different things altogether. The minister's governing purpose should be to do right things only, and that should be the governing purpose of the church membership also. But one gauge for him and a different one for themselves are an inconvenient absurdity. There is no logic in such ethics.

A minister is homeless. Impermanency of tenure is a sad thing. In the majority of instances he cannot count upon living in the same community for many years. He does not even know where to select a spot in which he and his family can finally be laid to rest. He has the same lot that a great many of the wage earners of the world have, and this ought to be a bond of sympathy between him and them.

Of all the trials incident to the minister's life in this country many call the severest the fact that he may have an uncomfortably lively anticipation of being set aside after middle age. At and after that period he is better fitted than ever before for the work of the preacher, provided he has always taken care to keep in touch with the progressive thought of the world. The pulpit is the minister's throne of power, and he is never so well fitted to occupy that throne as a young man as he is when he has been in the ministry a score or more of years, and some churches are recognizing this fact.

Another very difficult burden for a minister to carry is the inevitable fact that he has to bear the aggregate of the burdens of his congregation. People who seem to be well in body have many reasons for suffering. These they tell their minister, and I have yet to learn of a single instance in which their confidence has been violated. He knows the history of the troubles of families and of individuals as, taken in a large way, nobody else knows them.

Among the joys of a minister's life ought to be reckoned the fact that he has the confidence of so large a part of his charge. It is his experience that very many come to him for encouragement, counsel, sympathy. It is very pleasant for him to know that his people will come to him feeling an assurance that not only will he take no advantage of their confidences, but will genuinely rejoice with them in their joy and suffer with them in their sorrow. As it is an unmitigated burden to see the congregation at strife, so it is an unalloyed pleasure to know that all the members are at peace with each other. When all are working in harmony and are all interested in building up the church, there is a blessed state of things. It surely brings pulsations of joy to a minister's heart. It is another occasion for satisfaction if the congregation is found to be intent on the things that are destined to build up the Kingdom of God, rather than if they spend their energies in fairs and the like. It is a joy to the majority of ministers to feel that they have a normal congregation, a congregation not itching for the spectacular all the time.

It is a great comfort to a preacher to be made aware that something he has said from the pulpit or elsewhere has helped anybody. This is one of the things that he has to treasure up. He has it among his prized possessions that many approach him, some even with tears in their eyes, with their messages of approval for what he has said. He is led, too, to cherish the conviction, on account of the expansion of their lives, that some persons have taken in a larger horizon than formerly because of his ministrations. If he can feel that to a degree he makes life larger than it used to be with any, that is a cause of gladness to him. The oneness of minister and people, their fellowship, their mutual confidence, the feeling that they mean to be useful together, things like these are elements of supreme happiness in a minister's life.

Finally a minister's highest joy is the progress of the Kingdom of God in connection with his ministrations. When he is convinced that the interests of the Kingdom of God have been benefitted by what he has done, there is no joy like that which he feels. No consciousness transcends inability to satisfy the consciousness of having been able to point men to an unfailing strength.

In the conclusion of this paper I wish to express my happiness at being present with you on this anniversary. As the years that I spent with you pass in review before me many reminiscences press upon my attention. I vividly recall the individual members of the congregation. Numbers have passed on before; you who survive join with me in regretting their absence today. We can remember that, although we all shall vanish, the church which we love will continue to abide. Whatever good stroke we strike, whatever worthy things we accomplish, will be wrought into warp and woof of the web of her life.

After "Jerusalem" had been sung by the quartette and choir, the following letter from Rev. Pleasant Hunter was read by J. B. Shaw:

Dear Friends;—I regret greatly that I cannot be with you on your coming anniversary. Several things connected with my work here make it impossible to be away at this time. I shall, however, be with you in spirit, and enter heartily into all the exercises of the day. No years of my ministerial life have been happier than those spent with you I have nothing but pleasant recollections of our three years' labor together. Your kindness and loyalty are things I shall never forget. You were my "first love," and our fellowship in Christ was sweet. 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine, for you all, making request with joy." That you may abound more and more in the fruit of the spirit, and in good works, is the earnest prayer of

Your brother in Christ,
PLEASANT HUNTER.

Rev. James Tufts of Monson, who was in the audience, was called upon and delighted all with his remarks, delivered in the style which is so peculiarly his own and which so charms his hearers. He was followed by Rev. F. B. Pope, who spoke on "The layman at work."

The speaker said that the chief attraction of the Christian ministry was the winning of souls to Christ, but that this work belongs to laymen as well as ministers. Every true disciple should be a true witness for Christ, beginning in his own vicinity and extending his efforts as far as possible. If the early church had kept on in this way the world would have been evangelized 1000 years ago. What the world needs at the present time is more individual work on the part of the laymen, not more sermons in the pulpits. One of the greatest privileges the Christian can have is that of personally calling the attention of others to Christ. Nothing in the world is so sweet as the joy of leading another to the Saviour. Laymen ought to do this work, and if they are not doing it they are losing the greatest of their opportunities. A layman has much better opportunities for this sort of work than a minister, because of his every-day contact with others in business life, etc.; people do not avoid the laymen as they do do the ministers.

The congregation joined in singing "He that goeth forth with weeping," after which Rev. Dr. Whiting gave an address on "The pastorate of 50 years ago contrasted with the present:"

Have you observed that curious crossed characteristic of this New England generation, viz.: the sore loss of reverence for all sacred and reverence-bearing men and things, almost inrush of fools "Where angels fear to tread," and over opposite of that a studious passion for nominating jubilees, centennials, and even quarter-century things? We abound in memorial celebrations of lives of institutions which have got along a little way in years. It is a wholesome and hopeful culture. It will soften our green, graceless, irreverent Americanism and will help to rescue some of the choicer domain of the human heart and nurture reverence and loyal care for ancestors and places where faithful human life has left the rich deposits of hallowed memories. So you have gathered to recount the names and deeds of pastors, deacons, singers and helpers in this half a hundred years of praise and prayer and of hearkening to the word of God. The contrasts between fifty years ago and now are not very striking. The forms and uses of God's word may change as men go on, but the divine verity does not. With this and all generations of the Lord's people new needs bring out new helps, and each one is a form of the character of God.

Seventy, sixty, fifty years aback temperance and slavery beset the Israel of those days as Amik and Edom did the ancient journeyers. Every New England Congregational church and pastorate, I think, felt the tremors, and in many the destructive upheaval of those two contests. Churches had temperance men urgent to purge that deadly leaven out of them, and men of intemperance, with appetites wedded to pious willfulness in them, and many churches thus had "groanings which could not be uttered." Then slavery shot its maddening enmities through the churches and dissolved many a blessed union between pastor and people before it drew its dagger for the heart of the nation. By the grace of heaven, in twenty years drunkards generally disappeared from the church and temperance became a common rule of admission to them. You too well know the hideous doom of slavery and its accursing sympathies; the years of woe and mourning, and the waste of precious lives and treasure its destruction cost.

Between pastorates fifty years ago and now, contrast were more in forms than in elementa. Man's nature changes but little in the longest periods; God's nature not at all. Divine truth is eternal. Men come into new positions before it, get new terms to tell what they see and what they think about it. These are merely changes of vision. But there is one contrast of very serious import. The preaching of personal conversion through repentance for sin and believing upon the Christ, and a change of heart and life—the essentials to a hope of salvation. Towns were changed from low moral conditions to eminent excellence by revivals, and churches took on new life and large increase from them.

Permit me a word to you, my young brother, and to you, members of this church, whom after this long separation from each other, this good-by jubilee unites I had better not try to tell who is the happier,—the old pastor in his coming back to you, or you the people in having him a little time with you. It is by the sweet permission of the Master. He it is who has lengthened out your days, my brother, and kept you, the church, as a bush burning, indeed, but not consumed. He who walks amid the golden candlesticks, the churches, and who holds the seven stars, their pastors, in his right hand, vouchsafes this day of blessed memorials, joyful reunions and brightening hopes to you and us, loving you and gladly joining with you in these rejoicings. To Him be the glory now and forever.

The services closed with the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Thomas Wilson.

A special train will be run on the Central Vermont railroad Monday, the 12th, to accommodate persons wishing to attend the comedy, "My Friend, from India" in the Loomer opera house, Willimantic, Ct. Round-trip tickets from this station and Monson, $1. Train leaves here at 6.20 p. m., Monson at 6.30 p. m.

SECOND TOWN MEETING.

The Action of the Voters and Appropriations Made.

The town meeting on Monday was attended by the average number of voters, the majority of them from Thorndike. The meeting was marked for its lack of harmony, and as a whole was decidedly unsatisfactory to many. There was much talk over the various articles, and it was late in the afternoon before the business was completed. The report of the committee of 15 was not a howling success; the secretary failed to get many of the recommendations in a comprehensive manner, and had frequently to be corrected by other members of the committee, all of which took time.

E. W. Burns was chosen moderator. The report of the town officers were accepted after some errors in the report, both by printers and officials, had been explained. The recommendation of the committee against night police was voted down and $1600 appropriated for this purpose. The matter of highways brought out the usual complaints, mainly from persons who wanted repairs made near their property. In the matter of officers' salaries several changes were voted, but were finally reconsidered and a committee appointed to make recommendations at the next meeting; this committee consists of T. J. Moran, H. C. Newell and Ebenezer Brown. The recommendation that land be purchased for an addition to the cemetery in the Depot Village was voted down and a committee consisting of W. R. Milligan, W. H. Brainerd, H. C. Strong, L. E. Chandler and T. W. Kenefick appointed to investigate the matter of cemetery sites and report at a future meeting. It was voted to allow the usual discount and charge the usual interest on taxes. An appropriation of $4500 was made for permanent highways, the work to be commenced where it was left off last year. The appropriations aggregate $56,345, from which the license money is to be deducted:

Sidewalks, (general)	$300
Sidewalks at Thorndike,	500
Painting and repairing hearse,	85
Sidewalks at Bondsville,	210
Night police,	1 600
Memorial Day,	100
Aid to soldiers and sailors,	300
Contingences,	3,900
Railings,	200
Highways,	4,500
Bridges,	1,700
Sewers and culverts,	400
Discount on taxes,	3000
Interest on town debt,	2000
School teachers' salaries	13,500
Contingencies,	860
Fuel,	1,500
Text books and supplies,	900
Repairs,	400
Drawing,	400
Care of houses,	1,000
Transporting pupils,	1,500
Overseers of poor,	6,000
Contingences,	300
Board of health,	200
Liquor prosecutions,	600
Shade trees,	50
Street lights,	5,000
Library association,	1,000
Permanent roads,	4,500

R. J. Henry has moved his family to Worcester.

Miss Dorothy Todd is confined to her home with the grippe.

D. W. Northrop of Boston visited his father, A. J. Northrop, Sunday.

Edwin Shanks of St. Albans, Vt., visited friends in town Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Beecher of Springfield is visiting Mrs. Herbert Crofton.

Miss M. C. McDonald will have a millinery opening to-morrow and Monday.

George Fisherdick is building an addition to his residence on School street.

Dr. Leslie H. Hendee has been appointed town physician for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moore of Newtonville called on friends in town Thursday.

Rufus Flynt and H. J. Ferry captured the banner string of trout yesterday, 106.

"Hands across the Sea" was presented in the Opera house Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Sedgwick returned Wednesday from a visit with friends in Brockton.

John W. French has taken the agency for the Acorn, a wheel made in Chicopee.

District Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Gardner of Springfield were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Kenerson have returned from a visit in New York city.

The Sons of Veterans will hold a meeting in Memorial hall next Tuesday evening.

Jason Palmer is painting his residence on the corner of Knox street and Foster avenue.

The overseers of the poor will hold a meeting next Wednesday for organization.

Mrs. Sophia Rice is ill with the grippe at the home of her son, G. A. Rice, on Pleasant street.

D. L. Bodfish has been confined to the house this week with an attack of the grippe.

The trustees of the epileptic hospital paid their monthly visit to that institution yesterday.

Marshall Shaw has moved from Wilson Lawrence's tenement on Park street to Converse avenue.

H. M. Allen of Monson has been engaged on Judge Robinson's farm, and has moved his family here.

The selectmen give notice that applications for licenses must be handed in by noon of next Thursday.

Misses Bessie and Marion Denning of Willimantic, Ct., were the guests of Miss Jennie Todd this week.

Miss Ethel Ely has accepted a position as teacher in a school at West Brimfield, and began her duties Monday.

William McGuire has resigned his position at the Palmer carpet mill and accepted one as barber for Oliver LaSalle.

Miss K. I. McMahon will have a millinery opening this evening and also to-morrow evening. All are invited to attend.

Merrill Stebbins, who has been confined to the house for a considerable length of time, has recovered sufficiently to be out.

Albert Marsh has moved his family from Keith's tenement on Spring street to Mrs. Lawrence's tenement on Central street.

Road Commissioner Brainerd had a force of men working on the streets yesterday, clearing them of loose stones and refuse.

Rev. Julian Tuthill and family of Georgetown are visiting Mr. Tuthill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tuthill of Pleasant street.

Vespers at St. Paul's church next Sunday evening at 5 p. m. Subject of the sermon, "The patience of Jesus." All are cordially invited.

Miss B. M. Bowler of the JOURNAL composing rooms was called to Brattleboro, Vt., Wednesday by the sudden death of her father.

Harry Converse of Stafford Springs, formerly employed in the bicycle repair department of E. A. Buck & Co., called on friends in town this week.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter will have her millinery opening next Friday and Saturday. Miss Ella E. Burdick of New York is with her as trimmer this year.

J. H. Williams, of Maine, boss farmer at the epileptic hospital, has arrived with a large herd of cattle, and will commence farming operations immediately.

The law was off trout yesterday, and a number of fisherman took advantage of the good weather and were out early angling for "wary native of the brook."

The Ladies' Social Union of the Universalist church gave a hash supper in the church parlors Tuesday evening. Mrs. J. F. Holbrook and Mrs. C. E. Fish entertained.

Miss Mary K. Morton gave a party to a number of invited guests at the Converse House last Saturday evening. A supper was served and an enviable time had by all.

The series of Lenten services which have been held at the Universalist church was closed Monday evening. Rev. G. L. Perrin of Boston preached a very interesting sermon.

An alarm from box 62 called out the fire department about 11.30 this morning to a grass fire on the land of L. A. Conant, which was extinguished before the apparatus arrived.

Rehearsals for the presentation of "A Prisoner of War," to be given by the Sons of Veterans April 28, 29 and 30, are being held. Tickets will be put on sale in the near future.

Mrs. Herbert Crofton visited her sister, Mrs Beecher, in Springfield, Sunday. Roy Crofton, who was also visiting his aunt, was taken ill with the measles and has not yet been able to return home.

John L. Wilder, foreman of the JOURNAL office, was called to Springfield Wednesday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Councilman P. W. Waldron of New Bedford, whose body was brought to that city for interment.

The warrant for the annual Fire District meeting to be held in the district court room Tuesday, the 13th, at 2 p m., is published in another column. It contains no articles out of the ordinary run of business to be transacted

The last social of the season will be given in the Congregational church next Wednesday evening. Mmes. G. A. Bills, Albert Bogue, O. W. Studley, George Ezekiel, Enos Calkins, S. C. Hunt and Hubbard Lawrence will serve.

John Murphy and W. A. Fitzpatrick have leased the Nassowanno House and purchased the furniture and fixtures, formerly held by J. A. Ryan of Springfield. Mr. Fitzpatrick was formerly one of the proprietors of the Converse House. The proprietors took possession yesterday.

Friends of Dr. William Holbrook will be sorry to learn that he had a slight paralytic shock on Wednesday afternoon, affecting one arm somewhat. He is considered better to-day, and it is hoped will soon recover. Mrs. Holbrook, who also had a slight shock two weeks ago to-day, is as comfortable as could be expected.

The lecture given Rev. F. L. Goodspeed of Springfield in the Congregational church last Friday evening was largely attended. Mr. Goodspeed fully sustained the reputation he has gained as an able and interesting speaker in an eloquent discourse, emphasizing the great necessity of a fixed and determinate plan for young people starting out in life.

The watering cart made its first appearance Thursday afternoon, and it was cordially welcomed. The roads were unusually dry for this season of the year, and the wind blew clouds of dust through the street, making it very disagreeable. The cart will be run by Mr. Williams from this time on, provided the citizens, by their subscriptions for its support, indicate a desire for it.

Dr. C. W. Amerige, formerly of this place, now of Springfield, will give a lecture illustrating by experiments the subject of hypnotism in the opera house next Thursday evening. The entertainment furnishes an interesting subject for study and an evening of great amusement to the audience watching the antics of those under the doctor's power. The doctor has been giving exhibitions in Springfield recently which have attracted much attention.

Captain Riley of the high school baseball team has issued a call for candidates. A number have signified their intention to try for the team, including several of last year's victorious nine, among which there is promising material. Light practice only will be indulged in for the present, but after the spring vacation regular training will be commenced. The management would like to arrange games with high school and academy teams in this vicinity.

The last reading in the course of the Ladies' Tuesday Club was given by Miss Linda Hawley Brigham in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening. As the announcement that Miss Brigham is to read always draws a large number, it is needless to say that such was present. The readings were well selected and rendered in her usual excellent style, and were highly appreciated by the audience. Vocal solos by H. W. McGregory, a piano solo by Miss May Fiske, and a piano trio by Misses Eloise Stone and Annie Fish and Mr. Arthur Holbrook were also exceptionally well rendered. After the exercises an informal reception was tendered Miss Brigham.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor will hold an entertainment in the social rooms of the Congregational church at 7 o'clock this evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The program will be:

Singing, J. S. C. E.
Piano Solo—Impromptu in Furajor, Lewis G. Pope
Recitation—"Playing for Keeps," Marion Hellyar
Piano Solo—March, Theresa M. Newman
Recitation—"The Little Brook," Maude A. Holden
Violin Solo—Kirchwein, Junior Flynt
Recitation—"Procrustes' Bed," Marion G. Loomis
Piano Duet—Our Banner March, Miss Burnell and Jennie Bray.
Recitation—"Babies and Kittens," L. Blanche Cross.
Piano Solo—Tarantelle, Dote Flynt
Recitation—"Torn," Helen S. Buck
Piano Solo—Cachucha from the "Gondoliers," Mildred J. Brown.

The exceptionally fine weather of the past month has been enjoyed by all, but more so by the "Weary Coxeyites," whom it has brought forth from their winter retreats in large numbers. During the month of March 164 of these were lodged at the tramp room, breaking the record for any one month in the past nine years. Last Saturday evening 20 were cared for, the largest number for any single night during the same period. As the sleeping capacity of the tramp room is somewhat limited, they were uncomfortably crowded and were compelled to lie upon the floor and under as well as upon the benches. But as they are easily adapted to all circumstanc s, gentle sleep soon ushered them into sweet forgetfulness and made them unmindful of their pitiful and unfortunate condition.

The advance sale of tickets for the operettas to be given next Tuesday evening has been good. The general sale of reserved seats began yesterday. The characters in "Hunt the Thimble" are:

Mr. Grant, G. C. Stanchfield
Mrs. Grant, Miss Georgia Packard
Little Nell, Katie Matthews

There is a chorus of surprisers. The characters in "Peppery Pa" are:

Squire Verdant, B. M. Griswold
Fanny Verdant, Miss Georgia Packard
Sol Feggio, W. H. Osgood
Mike, G. C. Stanchfield
One small boy, Willie Thompson
Betsy Slocum, Miss Effie Moffatt
Lias Slocum, Edw. Gould
Mr. Swallow-tail, E. E Brooks
Mr. Pedagogue, F. A. Royce

The entertainment begins with a piano duet by Mrs. Small and Arthur Holbrook; a piano trio will be given between the operettas by Miss Fish, Miss Stone and Mr. Holbrook.

Officer Sullivan of Westfield was in town last Saturday investigating a report that a man answering the description of Daniel Leonard, who has been missing from his home in Westfield, was seen here by a number of people Thursday afternoon. The man called at the residence of S. C. Blodgett, and his appearance was quite different from that of the professional tramp. When Mrs. Blodgett saw the picture of Leonard in the morning paper on the following day she felt sure that her caller was the missing Westfield man. Officer Eastman was notified and he communicated with the Westfield police, and Officer Sullivan came to investigate. He interviewed the parties but the description of the man in question did not tally with that of Leonard.

The petition for the incorporation of the Palmer and Monson street railway company was given a hearing before the committee on street railways at the state-house in Boston Wednesday. Representative Kenefick, ex-Representative King of Monson, A. D. Norcross, chairman of the Monson selectmen, Dr. G. H. Wilkins, E. G. Hastings and C. H. Hobbs of Palmer appeared in favor of the petition. No remonstrants were present and no opposition was shown. It was agreed that the section of the bill giving one or both towns the right to take stock in the road should be stricken out. In all probability the limit of time in which the work must be completed will be reduced from five to three years. The bill permits the issue of $60,000 in stock and an equal amount in bonds, and the length of the line covered by the bill is about 13 miles. It is thought that the committee will report favorably on the bill.

District Court.

Business was brisk at the district court Wednesday morning. Louis Johnson of Bondsville plead nolo to a charge of assault on an overseer in the Boston Duck Company's mill and was fined $12, which he paid. Daniel Purcell and John C. Carlain of Monson were up for drunkenness; while in an intoxicated condition they visited Bondsville Tuesday and proceeded to make things lively, with the result that they were gathered in by Officer Collins. Purcell was fined $10 and Carlain $6, both fines being paid.

Inquests were also held inquiring into the deaths of Joseph Gillis of New London and P. B. Johnson of Stafford, who were recently killed on the New London Northern railroad. In the case of Johnson the court found that on the day of his death he had visited a brother in Enfield, and while there had complained of being ill. In the afternoon he left for home, taking the train to Barrett's Junction, where he was compelled to wait an hour or two for the Stafford train. After looking about the Junction for some time he was seen to start for Three Rivers. A little later he was seen by a man on the way who talked with him, which so far as is known was the last seen of him alive. The engineer of the train which ran over him saw him lying with his head and one arm on the rail, but could not stop the train until it had passed over the body. It is the theory of the medical examiner that Johnson was dead before being struck by the train, as very little blood flowed from his wounds. No blame is attached to any one. In the case of Gillis it is found that he was making a trial trip on the night freight, and was last seen alive after switching at Monson, walking toward the rear end of the train. He was not missed until the train reached Palmer. A train had left for the south and the crew of Gillis's train followed in its rear and found his body near the Monson depot. It is not known by which train Gillis was killed. No blame is attached to any one.

PALMER CENTER.

An informal reception was given Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trumble Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Trumble. The rooms were handsomely trimmed, and the evening was passed pleasantly with music and dancing. Refreshments were served. Mr. Hammond, with an apt speech, presented the happy couple with a handsome dinner set in behalf of and with the best wishes of their friends.

THORNDIKE.

John Riley is improving his residence on Commercial St. by the addition of a piazza, which will run the length of the building.

K. M. Fleming will open a branch of her millinery business in Landers' block in Bondsville, with openings Wednesday and Thursday evenings next week.

The foundation for John J. Dailey's new barn on Mount Dumplin is completed, and the work will commence at once. The barn will be 40 by 50 feet, with a 16 feet beam, and when completed will be a model structure of its kind.

Exercises concerning spring were held this afternoon in the assembly hall of the grammar school building by the pupils of the different grades, from 2 to 3 p. m., after which a reception was given by the pupils of the grammar school to the parents and friends, from 3 to 5 p. m., at which an entertainment consisting of singing, speaking and fancy marching was given.

The following pupils in the third grade have been perfect in attendance during the past month: Ettie Bond, Anna Bouthillier, Arthur Bouthillier, Margaret Casey, Joseph Chabot, Alfred Chandonnais, Malvina Chandonnais, Henry Comes, Edward Dailey, Patrick Fleming, Odila Gendreau, Daniel Haley, George Hughes, Florence May, Gordon Miller, Dora Morgan, Mollie Morgan, Thomas Murphy, Nellie O'Keefe, Malvina Orylle, Lucy St. Ament. Perfect in attendance for the last month in grades four and five. Edward J. Bessette, John Rourke, Napoleon J. Bontot, Annie M. Brosnan, Rosanna D. Cadorete, Peter Cahill, Francis J. Genard, Aurora Girard, Katie Holden, Mary T. Holden, Annie Luman, Joseph A. Mannle, John O'Connor, Agnes V. O'Keefe, Sadie F. O'Keefe, Emma M. St. Jacques, John F. Sullivan.

THREE RIVERS.

Miss M. L. Johnson cordially invites the ladies of Three Rivers and vicinity to her opening of Spring Millinery, Friday and Saturday, April 2d and 3d.

Miss Clara Mahuron is sick with a bad cold.

Mrs. Lombard of Ludlow is spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs W. H. Bliss.

Misses Clara, Rachel and Matilda McGee, with their mother, have moved to Worcester.

Miss Mattie Goshen of Springfield spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cheney.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10.45 a. m. and 7. p. m.

Mrs. Mary Shiney and daughter, Mrs. Emerson, of Waltham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lavene.

James Vient, who has worked in the Palmer mill for six years, has resigned and gone to North Adams to work.

George Orcutt has rented and moved into J. W. Cheney's cottage lately vacated by O. B. Sikes, who has moved to Ludlow.

Miss Belle Harrison was happily surprised on Tuesday evening by about 20 of her schoolmates and friends giving her a birthday party. They spent a very enjoyable evening, and departed about 10, leaving many presents as tokens of friendship.

Mr. Wilbur F. Gracey of Lynn will lecture in the Baptist church next Tuesday evening at 7.45 on "Under the dragon flag," illustrated with 100 stereopticon views. Mr. Gracey lived for several years in the American consulate at Foo Choo, China, and the views were taken by himself and his father. The lecture will undoubtedly be extremely interesting.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. E. E. Ryther spent a couple of days last week with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Squier, in Amherst.

A party consisting of Miss Emma Barney, Miss Harriet Thayer, and Mrs E. G. Childs left here this afternoon to join the Winship excursion to Washington, D. C. They will return in about a week.

Daniel B. Sullivan returned to Amherst last week. His health is still poor, but he is feeling considerably better for the rest and will probably be able to continue his studies and play on the ball team.

Charles Page, who for the past year has been employed by A. M. Bond of Thorndike, has decided to start in business on his own account, and is fitting up a room in the building formerly occupied by O. A. Parent.

Michael R. Sullivan terminated his employment with O. A. Parent Saturday night. His place is taken by Mr. Brown, who has been taking the place of G. L. Chaffee, who has been sick. Mr. Chaffee rerurned to work this week.

T. D. Potter & Co. have taken a contract to build a block for Mr. Bestoe of Enfield. The Harlow building is nearly finished and Potter & Co. have been figuring on another building. G. W. Hutchinson has charge of the carpenter work at Enfield.

The names of four or five persons have been mentioned as intending to apply for liquor licenses for the ensuing year. Every one of the places where it is said the saloons would be located are on High street. It is the general opinion here that Maurice Moriarty will be the successful applicant.

John Carlain and Daniel Purcell of Monson were arrested by Officer Collins Tuesday afternoon for drunkenness. They had a livery team belonging to Clifford of Monson, and raced the horse up and down the street at the imminent risk of tipping over or running into something until Officer Collins appeared on the scene and gathered them in. They were fined $6 and $10 respectively at Palmer Wednesday morning.

The schools were closed this afternoon for the usual spring vacation. Miss Dora Cleveland, principal of the grammar school was unable to return and resume her school duties this week, as she wished to do. Her parents were not well enough so she could leave them, and she could not procure any one to care for them. Miss Cleveland had made arrangements to go on the Winship excursion to Washington, D. C., but was obliged to give it up.

Louis Donsereau, alias Johnson, a loom fixer, was arrested by Officer Collins Tuesday afternoon for an assault committed on Edwin F. Stone, the overseer of the weave room. The assault was committed Monday morning and was the result of some trouble between Donsereau's wife, who worked in the weave room, and Mr. Stone. Donsereau struck Stone on the head, knocking him over among some machinery and cutting his face. Donsereau appeared in court at Palmer Wednesday morning and paid a fine of $12.

MARRIED.

At Warren, 19th ult, by Rev. W. B. Forbush, Nathan W. Powers of Brimfield and Della L., daughter of Calvin Blodgett of Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. tf-44 Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

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WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. tf-52

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Farewell Reception to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Marble.

A farewell reception was given in the Methodist church Friday evening to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Marble, at which about 200 were present, the affair being arranged as a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Marble. The couple were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. King and Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Osborne. Songs were rendered by Mrs. T. H. Todd, the Misses Williams and William Beatty. A poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Charles G. Thompson was read by her father, Dr. W. H. L. Starks. A purse of $57 was given to Mr. Marble and a dozen silver spoons were given to Mrs. Marble, the presentation speech being made by Henry G. Rogers, who spoke of the deep regret which the people felt at parting with their pastor; of the excellent work done by him during his pastorate and of the sincere wish of his many friends for God's blessing upon him wherever he should go. Mr. Marble responded feelingly. After expressing his gratitude for the gifts he referred to the cordial reception given him when he came to Monson, and thanked his many friends for their loyalty throughout the five years of his stay. After the exercises refreshments were served. Mr. Marble has reason to be proud of the work accomplished in the church since he came to Monson. He has baptized 49 persons, received 60 into the church on probation and 70 into full membership; there are now 26 probationers; $3000 has been raised for current expenses and $2000 for benevolences; $6000 has been expended on church property and improvements. Mr. Marble will preach his last sermons to this people as their pastor next Sunday, and on Tuesday he will go to conference. It is expected that his new appointment will be the Parker street church, Lawrence. Mrs. Thompson's poem:

Dear friends, once again in this thrice-hallowed spot,
Once again amid scenes that shall ne'er be forgot
We have met to exchange a glad greeting and smile,
And to clasp hands once more in true Methodist style.
But our greetings, though heartfelt, our smiles, though sincere,
Are veiling but thinly the sigh and the tear;
For only a few more short days shall have passed
E'er the sad word "Farewell" must be spoken at last,
And faces we gaze on so fondly to-night,
When we meet here again shall have gone from our sight.
Dear brother and sister, so loyal and true,
Mere words are too weak to express unto you
The love that has grown with each year passing by—
The friendship that never shall lessen or die.
How swiftly old time has been gliding away
Since you came in our midst one fair April day,
And we joined hands to labor with heart and with will,
Whatever the place we were called on to fill!
Oft times you have found there were burdens to bear—
Oft times *we* have asked *you* our burdens to share,—
Forgetting, perchance, in the hour of our need,
That *your* hearts might have their *own* sorrows to heed.
But never in vain did we ask you for aid,
And nobly our trust you have always repaid;
And to-night we gaze down through the vista of years
Through which, side by side, in our gladness or tears,
We have walked as the Master has given command,
In the path that leads home to Immanuel's land.
'Tis not strange that our voices should falter to-night
As we pray that each year, in its swift onward flight,
May bring you all joy that this world can e'er know,
And give you the peace only God can bestow.
If shadows e'er seem your life's sky to enshroud,
May the rainbow of promise illume each cloud
Till, at last, when the partings of earth are all o'er,
And friend meets with friend on the evergreen shore—
When the roll-call is sounded, oh, Father! we pray
That not one whom we love shall be missing that day,
But before the white throne may each one of us stand,
And clasp hands at last in God's own "Summer land."

The school in Pease district will open Monday morning.

The Academy closed Tuesday and will open next Wednesday.

Mrs. Chandler Fenton is making repairs on her Main street house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Chapman of Springfield spent Sunday at Dr. G. E. Fuller's.

Mr. McEwen is moving from South Monson to the Bennett farm near Conant's mill.

Mrs. Charles S. Thayer, formerly of Monson, is very sick at her home in Amherst.

Miss Kempkes has been delayed by illness, but will be with Miss Gates next Monday.

The Misses Gavin's millinery opening, which began yesterday, will close to-morrow night.

Asa Smith of Belchertown has sold the Burke farm on Moulton Hill to Francis Letter.

Miss Lizzie Strout has a Wolff-American wheel, and Miss Lottie Cunningham has a Waverly.

Miss Emma Marble of West Gardner is spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Marble.

Miss Grace S. Cushman is home for the Easter vacation from Providence, where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Shelburne Falls have been guests of Arthur F. Johnson the past week.

Miss Mary Hobbs of South Monson is very ill with pneumonia.

The Misses Williams are having their spring millinery opening, which will be continued through to-morrow.

On account of the large attendance at the No 1 grammar school, several scholars have been transported to the same grade at No. 8.

Miss Esther R. Holmes and Miss Mabelle L. Anderson entertained their Sunday school classes at Miss Holmes' residence Tuesday evening.

Rev. W. H. Marble's subject Sunday morning will be "The preciousness of Christ; in the evening, "The merits of the itineracy."

Frank Shields is the winner of the prize rings given by the Misses Williams to the person guessing the number of beans in a jar. There were 1141 beans.

The stock recently owned by H. C. Norcross, and bought by L. C. Flynt and C. M. Gage, was nearly cleaned out in a week's sale, and the remainder has been removed.

The town reports are in the hands of the voters, and are being inspected with much interest. A new method was adopted in their distribution this year, they being mailed to the voters, a copy being sent to each name on the voting list.

The evangelists, Misses Frost and Simpson, who recently conducted a series of successful revival meetings at the Methodist church, are guests of Mrs. C. G. Thompson at the Century Hotel. They will have charge of the services at the church one week from Sunday.

Prof. J. S. R. Coy and pupils gave a very enjoyable concert in the Congregational church Monday evening, and the auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience. The townspeople are indebted to Prof Coy for the series of excellent musical entertainments he has given them this season and last.

There will be a teachers' meeting in the Green street schoolhouse next Friday at 1.30 p. m., when H. F. Bailey, agent of the State Board of Education, will speak on "Drawing," and C. A. Brodeur, superintendent of the Chicopee schools, will speak on "Geography." The public is cordially invited to attend.

C. B. Frissell, of the Academy, met with a singular accident at Hammond Hall Tuesday. He was sitting in an open window in the second story; hearing a cracking sound he thought that the sash was about to fall, and in attempting to get out of the way he lost his balance and fell to the ground. He struck on his head, but the force of the fall was broken by a grapevine, and he was able to return home to Hinsdale Wednesday.

A correspondent sends the following to the JOURNAL: The tide has turned here in Monson, and if every person who is opposed to license will come out and *vote* on the all-important matter, Monson will be recorded as on the side of decency and right once more. The efforts made by the brewers and wholesale rum dealers have opened the eyes of the people, who now fully understand the situation. But let *no man* think that his vote will not be needed—therein lies his danger.

Miss Mary French, Field who is to read the 14th from her father's writings, comes to Monson with unusual prestige. Not only have his writings been welcomed with great enthusiasm in Boston, New York and other cities, but Eugene Fields's residence here in his school days, and his writings which have been colored thereby, have aroused an advance interest in his daughter. The Academy chapel has been selected as the most suitable place for Miss Fields' reading, and the tickets sold will be limited to the capacity of the room. They may be obtained by the ladies in charge of the appearance of Miss Field.

The Misses Williams' millionery opening is one of the chief attractions for the ladies to-day and to-morrow. Violet, geranium red, and green are the predominating colors seen. A child's hat of baby blue taffeta and white chiffon is particular pretty. A large green and white satin braid hat having on one side bows of green brocaded ribbon, the other green roses and purple clover, seems to be a favorite; a small bonnet with a fancy crown composed of steel and Rhine stones has a ruching of black lace across the front and sides, with a white aigrette at the left of the center, and with ties of black velvet ribbon is quite smart.

The Democratic caucus last Friday evening was largely attended. Nelson A. Bugbee was chosen chairman and Omar E. Bradway secretary. The nominations are: Town clerk, Carlos M. Gage; selectmen and overseer of poor, Lyman Miller, Horace D. Moulton, Herbert M. Smith; assessors, Freelon Q. Ball, William Sutcliffe, Chester Blanchard; treasurer, Edward D. Cushman; tax collector, Charles E. Smith; school committee for three years, William Sutcliffe, William L. Ricketts; cemetery commissioner for three years, Arthur D. Ellis; constables Joel H. Thompson, David B. Maney, Eugene S. Howlett, Thomas J. Sault, Michael J. Kennedy; fence viewers, Michael D. Maloney, Horace C. Bumstead, James B Tupper; auditors, Edward P. Donavon, Edgar R Sisson.

Monson's first fire engine, having come into the possession of Chief Engineer David B. Needham, Frank A. Bills, Nelson A. Bugbee and Timothy O'Keefe of the fire department, has been removed from its old quarters at the Flynt quarry to the Main street engine house, and is being overhauled. Missing parts will be replaced, and it will be put in working order. It is thought to be nearly a century old, although its early history is not known. It is a curiosity, being of a most primitive fashion. It consists of a large wooden tank on wheels, fitted with a pump, brakes, etc, and the strainer is a piece of wood bored full of holes. The tires on the wheels are little worn, and its coat of lead-colored paint looks comparatively fresh. Complete, the engine will weigh about 600 pounds. It is the idea of Chief Engineer Needham to form a Veteran Firemen's Association which will own the old timer.

The Lenten series of Sunday evening services at the Congregational church are of uncommon interest and the attendance is large. Each service is conducted with the stereopticon, of which Principal Burke of the Academy has charge. The hymns, a verse at a time, are thrown upon the canvas with appropriate pictures, and the various points of the sermon are also illustrated. Mr. Hatch's sermon on "The Prodigal Son" last Sunday evening was excellent, and some of the views were unusually fine The sermon next Sunday evening will be upon the "Bible Land." The services of passion Week will be held each evening, and the subjects are as follows: Sunday, "Humility and power;" Monday, "Authority exercised;" Tuesday, "Parables of warning,;" Wednesday, "Parable of judgment;" Thursday, "The Lord's supper;" Friday, "The greatest love;" Saturday; "Dying with Christ;" Sunday, "Risen with Him," Sunday school concert.

The warrant for the town meeting to be held Monday contains 26 articles. These provide for the transaction of routine business and to see if the town will appropriate money for its usual expenses; also to see what action will be taken in regard to building an engine house at a cost of $1000 in district No. 2; to see if the town will revise its by-laws; to see if the town will revise its cemetery by-laws; to see if the town will appropriate money to build a sidewalk from Noble's house on High street to the Flynt quarry; to see if the town will instruct its water commissioners to change the water rate from $8 per 20,000 gallons to $6. The polls will be open at 9.15 a. m., and may be closed at 2 p. m. Registration closed last Saturday night with 785 names on the list, probably the largest number in the town's history, 57 new names having been added. That there will be a town meeting, and a large attendance, seems to be about the only prophesy that can be made with any degree of accuracy. Both caucus tickets are commended and criticized in the same breath by their respective parties. A third ticket is said to have been made up, but for some reason not filed. The license question is an open one, each side hoping for victory. It is thought that the entire license vote will be cast for the Democratic nominees for selectmen.

LUDLOW.

The village schools will open next Monday after a week's vacation.

About 200 volumes have been added to the public library, including several valuable works in the sciences.

Alden Bros. have bought a lumber lot from the Ray estate and have commenced to cut logs. A steam mill is being erected to facilitate in the cutting.

HAMPDEN.

Miss Inez Burleigh of Holbrook is visiting her sister.

Herbert W. Adams is home from the Industrial school at Springfield.

The funeral of Mrs. Maria Stanton was held here Saturday morning, Rev. Mr. Parsons of the Baptist church officiating. The burial was in Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. West celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary next Wednesday. Over two hundred invitations have been sent out. Both are well known, Mr. West having been a contractor here for many years.

WARREN.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bliss of High street are vacating in New York.

Mrs. Arthur Sibley of Holyoke is the guest of Miss Emma Guilbert.

Mrs. Isabel Rice of Lexington was in town for a short visit the first of the week.

Mrs. Holman and Miss Holman returned Saturday night from a trip to New York.

Norman Englestead has returned from Florida, where he has been spending the winter.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society met in the Congregational chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Henry G. Austin and wife have been re-engaged as warden and matron of the town farm by the overseers of the poor.

Mrs. J. W. Chadsey and Miss Chadsey returned Thursday from a trip to Old Point Comfort, Washington, and New York.

Charles Gaffney, 16, who has been in failing health for a month, died Monday of consumption. The funeral was held in St. Paul's church Wednesday morning.

The recitation of the "Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be given in the town hall next Friday evening by Mrs. Hannibal Williams, promises to be a rare treat.

William Tagan, 69, died Sunday morning of heart failure. Mr. Tagan was well known in town and was one of the oldest Roman Catholic residents. A wife and four children and five grandchildren survive him. Requiem mass was said Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Paul's church.

WILBRAHAM.

Harry Clark has been engaged to take charge of the Fowler farm in Agawam.

The Frank Amo house near the Longmeadow line was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lurin J. Potter entertained a whist party at their residence Thursday evening.

The winter term at Wesleyan Academy closed Wednesday for a week's vacation. The public schools will open Monday.

Mrs. Frank Warner has returned from Agawam, where she has been spending the winter with her daughter, Frank Leonard.

Mrs. Lyman Fisk was called to Springfield this week by the illness of her son Eugene, who is suffering from erysipelas and the grippe.

The Farmer's Club held its last meeting of the season with James Richards Monday evening. The subject for discussion was "Fruit," essays being read by several members of the club.

The Ladies' Social Union of the Methodist church held a social in the chapel of the church Wednesday evening with Mrs. William Lyman and Miss Elizabeth McGuire as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rice will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage by a reception from 3 to 9 p. m. next Wednesday, at the Congregational church, of which Mr. Rice was for many years sexton. Mr. and Mrs. Rice extend a cordial welcome to all who may wish to call.

Lyman Fisk's horse, through the carelessness of a hostler, was left unfastened at McIntyre's stable, Springfield, and ran about the yard upsetting the carriage, breaking the spokes of one wheel and otherwise injuring the vehicle, and laming himself before he could be caught.

The Republicans held their caucus at Music Hall last Friday evening and made the following nominations; Town clerk and treasurer, C. E. Stacy; selectmen Henry Clark, Jason Butler, W. F. Morgan; assessors, F. E. Gurney, James Farr, C. T. Bowles; school committee, E. Bliss; auditor, F. E. Gurney; fence viewers, C. S. Niles, H. H. Burbank, Morrison S. Blodgett; tax collector, F. E. Munsell; moderator, F. E. Clark; constables, C. G. Robbins, James Farr, Frank Rindge, David Ogilvie, Edgar Clark.

WARE.

Miss Minnie Brown of South Hadley Falls is visiting her parents.

John H. Storrs has sold a house on North street to M. Benway for $2000.

Elgin R. Foster has been reappointed sexton of Aspen Grove cemetery.

Daniel Griffin of Babcock Tavern has sold his farm to Michael D Griffin.

John Moran, foreman plumber for J. H. Donnelly, is to move to Norfolk, Va.

The Misses Collins will hold their millinery opening next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rev. Owen McGee preached an able sermon at the Lenten service at All Saints' church Wednesday evening.

Chief Fitzgerald arrested Arthur Gowett and James M. Bracken for drunkenness Tuesday afternoon and they were taken to Northampton for a hearing.

Thomas Maloney, 35, of Boston, died at the home of his mother here Wednesday morning from an attack of the grippe, followed by kidney trouble. Mr. Maloney came here on a visit about three weeks ago and was about to return when taken ill. He leaves a widow and two children.

The newly-elected board of selectmen held a meeting in their rooms Tuesday evening and organized as follows: Chairman, Andrew G. Crowley; secretary, Frank K Southworth. Maurice Fitzgerald was appointed chief of police, and the three members of last year's force were also reappointed.

Mrs Eliza Ballard, 91, died at the home of Frank Ballard last Friday afternoon from the effects of old age. She was the widow of the late Jacob Ballard, who was a mill overseer. Two sons, Charles E of Ware, and Alexander W. of Spencer, and a daughter, Mrs A. M. Morin of Montreal survive her. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 from her late home, and the burial was in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen E. Cushman, 79, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B Green, Sunday afternoon after an illness of a week. Mrs. Cushman was well known in town, having been prominently connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She had many friends by whom she was greatly beloved and who greatly regret her death. Besides her husband and daughter, she leaves one son, Frank S. Cushman, of Hartford. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday at 2 p. m., Rev. J. W. Fulton officiating.

The annual town meeting was held Monday. The vote was heavy, the largest in the history of the town. These officers were elected: Moderator, Lewis N Gilbert; clerk and treasurer, Almer F. Richardson; selectmen, Andrew G Crowley, Frank K Southworth, John H. Storrs; overseer of the poor, William W. Barnes; assessors, Charles E. Blood, Michael W. Buckley, Edward P. Morse; school committee, Frederick D. Gilmore; auditors, Thomas E. Haley, William N. Newcomb; constables, J. B. Beauchemin, Maurice Fitzgerald, Myron Ramsdell, Thomas H. Rennison; water commissioner, James A. Byrns; board of health, Dr. J. H. Gendron. Appropriations: Town officers, $3500; schools, 21 600; library, 1000; school incidentals, 4200; paupers, 7000; highways, bridges, and fences, 6000; sidewalks, 1000; police, 3100; street lights, 3520; public use of water, 450; interest, 3000; Memorial day, 150; contingent account, 1900; ventilating schoolhouse, 4000. Liquor license: Yes, 615; no, 381.

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So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill street, South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctor. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy wont live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial bottles free of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

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TOWN OF MONSON.
TOWN WARRANT.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Monson, in said county. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Monson qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Memorial Town Hall, in said Monson, on Monday, the fifth day of April A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, five Constables, two Auditors and three Fence Viewers; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the Town of Monson for the ensuing year?" All on one ballot.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 4 To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ART. V. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and appoint a committee to prosecute such illegal sale.

ART. 7. To determine what use shall be made of the "Dog Money" received from the County Treasurer the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate money for the discount on taxes.

ART. 11. To determine the method of collecting taxes and direct in regard to the payment of the same.

ART. 12. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for sidewalks and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for lighting the streets.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for cemetery purposes.

ART. 16. To see what change if any the Town will make in Article 10 of the Cemetery By-Laws.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to Marcus Keep Post G. A. R. for memorial day exercises.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for an engine house in fire district No. 2, or make some other provision for the storing of its apparatus, and lease or purchase land to locate same.

ART. 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the expense of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

ART. 20 To see what action the Town will take in regard to amending or revising its by-laws.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk from Mark Noble's house on High street to Flynt's quarry and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will instruct its Assessors to publish a report of the valuation and taxes for 1897.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1895.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will instruct its Water Commissioners to make the water rate for domestic and other purposes six dollars per annum for twenty thousand gallons, including meter charges, where it now is eight dollars, and to be in effect the present water year.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money when necessary for Town use.

The polls will be open at a quarter past nine o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the places designated by said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting, and by causing an attested copy thereof to be published in one issue of the Palmer JOURNAL.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson this twenty-sixth day of March, A. D. 1897.

A. D. NORCROSS, H. H. FOSKIT, W. H. BUGBEE. } Selectmen of Monson.

A true copy—Attest: H. D. OSBORNE.

TOWN OF PALMER.
FIRE DISTRICT MEETING.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—HAMPDEN, SS.

To the qualified voters of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Court Room of the District Court of Eastern Hampden in said Palmer on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to cast on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART 2. To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor, Board of Engineers, and all other officers and committees that may be necessary for the ensuing year, and give them instructions.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Board of Engineers, and all other committees, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Fire Department and annual rental of the Palmer Water Company.

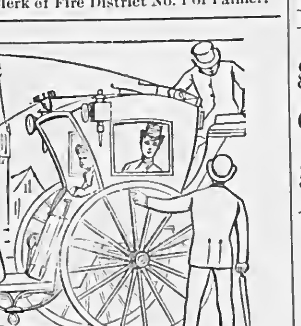
ART. 5. To see what action the District will take towards paying the Board of Engineers, Firemen and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary.

ART. 6. To see if the District will authorize the Collector to add interest to taxes paid after Sept. 1st of the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the District will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Given under my hand this second day of April, 1897.

F. D. BARTON,
Clerk of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer.



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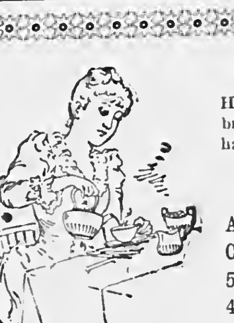

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HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

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Mr. Jenkins came to us with the experience of a teacher in a literary institution, and a pastor in several other fields of labor; also as a field missionary in the South, all of which well fitted him for the arduous work upon which he entered here. Through his efforts the Sunday school has been placed upon a new and broader field of study, and all departments of church work have been thoroughly systematized; also a new department added, that of the Men's Sunday Evening Club, which has proved an interesting factor in many of our services, causing the development of talent which otherwise might have lain dormant. With all these improvements and with God's blessings, our work ought to prove effective, and it will, if the result eventuates in a moiety of our pastor's earnest desire.

But the history of the present pastorate is being made each month and year, and so, as its lacks the proper perspective of distance, we leave it in the hands of our Master, the Lord Christ, trusting that He will lead us into still higher and broader fields of usefulness, as we enter upon another half century of work.

In closing this outline history of our church I cannot forbear referring to some of the many changes which fifty years have wrought. Of the 54 members who came down from the mother church just half a century ago to-day and organized the Second church, but one remains, in the person of Mrs. Eliza W. Breckenridge, now 87 years old, who still continues to occupy the familiar seat which has been hers for so many years; a merciful Providence has spared her life in our midst, while she has been honored in her children and grandchildren, who rise up and call her blessed. It is a notable fact that she is with us to-day, to enjoy this anniversary and recall the scenes of the first inception of this church, while she alone of the original church members remains to listen again to the voice of the first pastor. Besides her there are but three living members of our church who became such during Mr. Wilson's pastorate, Mr. George Stone, Deacon W. A. Breckenridge, and Mrs. C. N. Brainerd; and but a half dozen families remain here who were Mr. Wilson's parishioners; and out of the 226 members of the church at the close of Dr. Vaille's pastorate, only 13 now remain; some have been dismissed to other churches, but a majority have been called from their life work and repose in our village cemetery, leaving for us the memories of their lives as a rich heritage of the past.

The total number of our church membership during fifty years has been 609, and the present number is 197. Of the 40 members of the well-trained choir who sang so acceptably during the first pastorate, none remain here but the leader, Dr. William Holbrook, Mrs. Clara Holbrook, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. J. S. Loomis, Mrs. George Robinson and D. W. Mason; some have removed from town, and some, we trust, have "joined the choir invisible;" but the inspiring music of viols and choir of those olden days comes back sometimes as a golden memory to those who survive.

These statistics and reminiscences bring us sad reflections, reminding us of the quickly passing years and that others will soon occupy our places, biding us ask the question, "Shall this house, twice dedicated to the worship of God, continue through the coming century to be one of the rallying points in this village, to lead men up higher?" It will, it deserves to be, for our church has sought to keep in touch with modern needs, to help humanity at home, and in mission fields abroad; to learn something of the better part of existence, of duty toward God and one another.

Other churches have arisen in our village and town since our own was established; each one is serving in its own sphere, each is striving to fulfill its appointed mission and aid in solving the great problems of life. We dwell with them in harmony and labor with them in accord, along such lines as seem paramount in the Master's work, allowing minor differences to fall into the background while we recognize the fact that liberty of conscience to worship God is one of the cardinal principles, for which the world has waited long enough for glad realization.

Our church has been fortunate in its choice of pastors, in that they have been well fitted by scholastic training and self-imposed mental discipline to be leaders among us; and, more important than all else, they have had the aid of the divine spirit to enforce their teaching and make it effective. Three of them have been honored with the title of D. D., and it is no fault of theirs that the others have not been thus remembered.

The pastors and members of our church have always encouraged literary pursuits and studies, and have given aid for the promotion of all laudable improvements and reforms in our town. They have liberally given of their means for the education of their children and others in academic and collegiate courses; few societies of its size can boast of a greater number of graduates from its schools, and of teachers or professional men, than our own. These matters are noteworthy, and show that our people have been cognizant of the needs of the times, and have endeavored to keep pace with modern progress.

But in addition to all these material advantages, our church has not lost sight of the truth that the main factor upon which it should depend for real progress must come from the Divine Source, which can only be drawn from by constant prayer and watchfulness.

This sketch would be incomplete without some reference to the work of the women of our church, who by their faithful service have contributed many thousand dollars to our material aid during the past fifty years. Besides meriting our thanks, they have the consciousness of having done what they could. And further than this, their presence and activity in the Sunday school, the prayer meeting, and all other departments of church work, have been noteworthy and appreciated, and have had richest results.

My allotted task is finished; yet I have left unwritten the most important phase of all our church life, because it can be traced by no moral pen, nor limned by human artist; its only record is found in God's memorial volume of the ages of time, namely, the influence which has gone forth from our church membership during the past fifty years. Let us hope it has led many a soul from the unhallowed ways of self into a higher and nobler life, and taught the world something of the sublime lesson, that there is a grander thing to live for than the service rendered to the sordid and selfish ends of existence; and that in the coming years it may attain to greater possibilities for the expansion of the kingdom of Christ in Palmer, and may ever be

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"My father had a very happy and original way of calling us, musically, easily adapting our names to a phrase in melody corresponding to them in its syllables and accent. This was curiously and effectively tried in St. John's Chapel, New York, one Sunday morning during my father's occupancy of the organ-stool there, prior to the consecration of Trinity church.

"My brother had taken his usual seat in President Moore's pew in the middle aisle, and I was with my father in the organ gallery. It was now the usual time for him to play the first voluntary; and, calling my attention he said to me: 'I am going to call Jubal. Watch him.' His voluntary proceeded as thoughtfully and smoothly as usual. In the course of it the phrase which was his call for my brother was repeated twice. It was distinct, and at the same time so much a part of his improvisation, that the general listener would not have noticed it at all. At the first time my brother seemed arrested by it. At the second, he turned and looked up, but saw no sign. When the call came the third time, he deliberately took up his hat, and, leaving the pew, walked straight up to his father and said, 'Do you want me, sir?' 'Yes,' said my father. 'Go home and get my gold snuff-box.' The errand was speedily executed, the house being so near St. John's park. He handed the snuff-box to his father, and returned to his seat."

RECENT TRIUMPHS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Cleansing of the wound itself was almost a surgical heresy a few years ago. Fouled bandages were the rule; and the thicker and the more abundant the discharge the more "laudable" they were considered to be. Hence in the older works on surgery the so-called "laudable" pus was as much a sign of safety as it is now of danger. Cleanness of instruments, now a prime consideration, was then entirely ignored. Oftentimes the same instruments would be used at different times upon the dead as well as the living body; and a celebrated operator of that day was accustomed to hold his knife between his teeth when his hands were temporarily employed in the wound. If a cut healed rapidly it was a rarity sufficiently great to court comment. Now the exact opposite is the fact. The former result was rather an accident of cleanliness than the deliberate acknowledgment of what should have been the rule. Consequently the most careful surgeons—those who possessed instinctive habits of neatness and cleanliness—were the most successful.—*Dr. Geo. F. Shrady, in the March Forum.*

QUEER ACCIDENTS.

An insurance company, inculcating in its annual report the wisdom of insurance and seeking to confirm the truth of the adage, "Nothing is so certain to happen as the unexpected," mentions a number of queer accidents and the amount of consolation in dollars which the policy-holder or his heirs in each case received. The list was as follows: Solicitor fell over bag, $400; hotel proprietor, soda-water bottle burst, $350; drummer trod on rusty nail, blood poisoning, death, $5000; secretary fell over mat, $700; gentleman swallowed false teeth while asleep, death, $5000; printer carrying an open umbrella fell over obstruction, $60; gentleman missed dog when trying to kick him, struck sofa instead, injuring great toe, $75; solicitor, struck by falling centerpiece in drawing-room, $30; merchant kicking mud off foot, sprained ankle, $55; lawyer walked against open door of wardrobe in the dark, $1000.

DRAMATIC NOTE.—From the Plunkville Bugle: "While it may seem presumptuous on the part of a weekly paper to criticise a dramatic company that claims to carry three carloads of scenery, still we must venture to remark that the grand transformation scene in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' as given at our Opera House last night by the Barns Tormer Dramatic Company, would be much more effective if the life-size angels which appear in the background would refrain from chewing gum."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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ADDRESS OF REV. THOMAS WILSON

Of Waterloo, N. Y., Delivered at the Semi-Centennial of the Congregational Church.

My Dear Friends:—It is a rare felicity for a veteran minister of the Gospel to be privileged to return to the scene of his earliest labor after an interval of nearly half a century. As the Apostle Paul said to King Agrippa: "Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I continue unto this day;" so through a gracious Providence I am permitted to stand in this familiar pulpit and to speak to this beloved church on its first jubilee.

True, it is not the same audience that greeted me fifty years ago, when I began my ministry to this people. I came to them fresh from the halls of learning, where I had spent ten years of my life in preparation for the sacred calling to which I was consecrated by the earnest desires and fervent prayers of pious parents. For it is one of the highest ambitions of devout Scottish people to have a son become a Christian preacher. By an unwritten law the eldest or the youngest of the family is devoted to the holy office; and, as "the Benjamin of the flock," I was "fore-ordained" in the hearts of father and mother to become "an ambassador of Christ in the Gospel ministry."

I count it the highest honor, however, to be obtained by any man on earth, and I have always esteemed it as a special work of Divine favor that my lot was cast among this people at the beginning of my ministry. No one could have had a more considerate and loyal people. All untried as I was in the various and exacting duties of the sacred calling, they had much to overlook and pardon; but they were always lenient in their judgment and cordial in their affection. They saw and appreciated the fact that I sought only their highest good, that I gave them the best I had to bestow as the result of all my precious training, and that I was devoted to the work to which I had been called in the Providence of God. It is therefore with great gratification that I am permitted, at the age of nearly seventy-five years, to come back to this place and to unite with you in the joyful anniversary which marks the completion of fifty years of your church life.

A jubilee celebration is a rare and interesting event in the experience of anyone. Few who participate in its observance at any time will be likely to join in its repetition fifty years afterwards. Whether it be national or personal, that of a family or of a church, it is invested with peculiar import. It has a Pentecostal flavor. In the ceremony of the ancient Hebrew nation it held a prominent part. On every fiftieth year all the land which had been alienated from any of the families of Israel through poverty, returned to them according to the allotment of the original distribution which was made by Divine direction; so that every Israelite then came "back to his possession and to his family." "At the same time a proclamation of universal liberty was issued, and all bondmen of Hebrew blood were liberated. The jubilee year thus became one of release from both poverty and bondage. No wonder then it was a sacred observance to the people of Israel.

Ten years ago the good Queen Victoria celebrated the jubilee anniversary of her coronation; and the whole British empire,—"on which," it is said, "the sun never sets,"—united in paying fitting homage to her "gracious majesty." She has nobly filled her eminent position, and is worthy of all honor not only in her own vast domain but through the whole universe. Offerings from the humblest as well as the highest of her almost countless subjects were lavishly given in attestation of their loyalty and devotion. She is certainly one of the most virtuous and beloved sovereigns that ever occupied the British throne. And now in this year of grace 1897, she celebrates her "Diamond Jubilee,"—as it is called,—which signalizes the sixtieth year of her beneficent reign, the longest that any of the English kings or queens have ever had and which will be commemorated with great enthusiasm by all her loyal subjects. Truly the customary prayer has been answered: "Long live the Queen!" In the family relationship one of the most notable events in married life is the rare privilege of celebrating the "Golden Wedding" in honor of fifty years of connubial bliss. This it was my parents prerogative to observe some years ago in the Western home of their old age. The memorable event occurred on the anniversary of my birth, June 15th; and I then had the opportunity of uniting with them in its joyous observance at Clyde, Whiteside county, Illinois. One of the earliest settlers of that town was my older brother William; and he gave it the name of the river Clyde, which flows through our birthplace, Paisley, Scotland. There is thus forever linked with it the memory of the loved fatherland, and the remembrance of the unique event in family history which is always a source of profound satisfaction. As Longfellow puts it:

"Something the heart must have to cherish,
Must love and joy, and sorrow learn;
Something with passion clasp, or perish;
And in itself to ashes burn."

But we are concerned to-day not so much with the jubilee celebration of a nation, or of a ruler, or of a family, as of that of this church which now completes its first half century of organized life, with all its helpful influence to its members and its uplifting power in the community. This leads us to consider "The Mission of the Christian Church in the World." It has a three-fold object: (1) To be a repository of "the truth as it is in Jesus;" (2) To develop the Christian character and life among men; and (3) To blaze abroad the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It is equally important that each of these should be carried on effectually.

I. The supreme purpose of the Christian church is to proclaim "the Gospel of the grace of God." The historic faith of Christianity is eminently Biblical: It reveals the mysterious incarnation of Christ, "God manifest in the flesh, as the central idea of the Gospel. On it depends the value of the atoning death and the risen glory of our Divine Lord. It was a revelation of God from the redemption of man. It is the basis of the Christian church, for it is founded upon the immovable rock of Christ's divinity. On a memorable occasion in his earthly ministry there occured an incident which might well be considered as its culminating point. Jesus put to his desciples two momentous questions, and their reply would determine the result thus far of his Messianic missions. He first asked them: "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" The inquiry was an embarrassing one, for "the multitudes" had not arrived at any just conception of his character or mission. Some thought he was "John the Baptist," whom Herod Antipas had beheaded, but whose guilty conscience had led him to imagine that the bold and brave "forerunner" had returned to life; and the people had caught the infection of his fears and echoed his cry. Others, recalling Christ's fearless and fateful utterances against Pharisaical pretension, had supposed that the old, stern prophet Elijah had reappeared, and was again about to bring the judgment of God upon a perverse and guilty nation. Still others regarded him as the plaintive Jeremiah, because of his tender compassion and wonderful sympathy with human sin and sorrow. But none had come to the full realization of his true character as the Messiah.

Then Jesus asked the disciples: "But who say ye that I am?" On the answer to that question the whole destiny of his mission seemed to depend. Simon Peter, ever ready with his tongue, gave utterance for the disciples of that immortal declaration: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" This full and explicit reply from one who might be regarded as "the chief of the Apostles," made ample amends for the defective estimate of the people. It revealed by its incisiveness of insight and certainty of conviction that the great mystery of Christ's nature and mission was understood by the select few. They recognized in the Master not only the expected Messiah, but "the Annointed Saviour" of the world; "Christ, the Son of the Living God."

With impressive assurance Jesus ratified that great confession of Peter. "Jesus answered and said unto him; Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven." And then with a significant play upon words which Canon Farrar states is "founded on very deep principles that are common among deep thinkers in all tongues," he continued: "And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter (Greek, *Petros*, the rock); and upon this rock (Greek, *Petra*, a rock) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades (i. e. the power of evil) shall not prevail against it." Well might the officers of the Sanhedrin tell their baffled employers when they returned without the desired captive: "Never man so spake!" Jesus never uttered a more pregnant assurance than this testimony concerning himself. Not upon Peter,—the fallible man,—but upon the rock-like confession he had just made, Christ announced that he would "build his church." This is the first use of the word (ecclesia,) church, in the New Testament, and it occurs only once again in the Gospels; but it lays the foundation of that sacred institution which was henceforth to be identified with the history of the world.

The promise then given that "the Church of Christ" should be impregnable to all the attacks of evil has been verified in all ages. It has been assailed in every possible form, but it has always emerged triumphant over every enemy. Often, in the sorest straits, "The blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the church." When Ferdinand, the Catholic king of Aragon, Spain, seized the kingdom of Navarre in 1512, and threatened to exterminate those of the Protestant faith in the realm, one of the sturdy reformers said to him: "The Church is an anvil that has worn out many hammers!" The continuity of the Christian church, from generation to generation and from age to age, is one of the marvels of a protective Providence. Though its individual members pass away from time to time, transferred from "the church militant to the church triumphant" yet it ever abides in the language of the Apostle Paul as "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground (margin, stay) of the truth." It gives its unvarying testimony to the preciousness and power of the Gospel of Christ. The eternal verities of inspired truth are the burden of its message. It deals with what is most profound and most essential in the Sacred Scriptures. "God the Father is the divine end, God the Son is the divine means, God the Holy Spirit is the divine power" by which the world is to be redeemed and brought into harmony with the purpose of God. The eminent French Catholic divine, La Cordaire, declared: "Where there is the love of God, there is Jesus Christ; and where there is Jesus Christ, there is His church." And it has a message from God to man entrusted to it, and woe be unto it if it fails to deliver it. As Jeremiah declared: "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith the Lord. Is not my word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

The grand old doctorines of the Bible are as lasting as the eternal hills. The creator of one was the inspirer of the other, and they can no more be set aside than we can alter the flow of the tides. They partake the nature of their divine author and so are perfect. To the end of time they will remain the only revelation of God's plan for the redemption of sinners and the edification of saints; till (as Paul wrote to the Ephesians) "we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the love of God, unto a full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." The kaleidoscopic changes of human opinion do not affect the prominance or the power of the revealed truth. It abides ever the same, for it is the word of the living God." There may be minor differences which separate the followers of Christ into various bodies of professed Christians; it may be in reference to the form of church government or to special rites, or to unessential dogmas; but all who accept the vital and fundamental truths of the Gospel are members of the great, visible, spiritual organization which is called "The body of Christ." They constitute "the one fold of which he is the one Shepherd." "And the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep."

II. It is also the mission of the Church of Christ to develop "the life of God" among men.

God took the best he had, "his only begotten Son," and put him into the world as the finest exponent of what human nature was capable of producing. And in Jesus Christ there was the most symmetrical exhibition of a perfect character and life that the world had ever seen. He is the clearest revelation of God to man. And the intensest kindling of the soul for things spiritual and eternal comes from communion with Christ. A sense of his peerless presence gives us the most inspiring impulse toward a high and holy life. What eager desire for him which led the Greek proselytes, who had been drawn to Jerusalem by the attraction of the Passover feast, to say to the Apostle Phillip: "Sir, we would see Jesus!" becomes in us the source of the highest effort and noblest attainment. It intensifies the assertion of Paul: "The love of Christ constraineth us." "For it is God who worketh in us, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

Christ puts his finishing touches upon every soul that comes to him for help. An eminent German artist was want to receive students to be taught the theory and practice of painting. At one time when several pupils were about to leave him, he proposed to test their proficiency by giving them one of his own paintings to be copied. It was brought to his studio and covered up till the next morning, when it was to be subjected to the critisism of the whole class. He began the trial by giving the picture to the most proficient among them, and so on down to the least skillful. When the last one, who had not shown any special aptitude for the work but who had tried to do as well as he could, brought his copy it was placed in the studio, veiled like the rest, to be inspected on the morrow. But during the night the great artist went to it and put a few touches here and there to the canvas and then retired. When the veil was withdrawn in the presence of the class one and another leaned forward in amazement and cried out!" "The Master's hand! The Master's hand!" They recognized at once the superior work of that skillful touch which none but a "master's hand" could execute. And so we may have wrought in us that gracious product which only our divine Master's hand can produce. The most proficient in the Christian graces still need the help of the Lord to carry on to perfection what he has begun in them by his Holy Spirit and revealed truth. And the most deficient who are still "following on to know the Lord," are assured of his efficient aid, for his own word is to every trusting soul as it was to the tempted apostle: "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my power is made perfect in weakness."

A noble Christian character is built up by "patient continuance in well-doing." A mere vague desire to be better comes to naught. It leads to no stern self-denial, to no determined effort, to no successful attainment. What is needed is a clear conception of our duty, and then a persistent purpose to fulfill it. As the consecrated Mary Lyon, the founder of Mount Holyoke Seminary for the liberal education of women, declared: "I fear nothing so much as that I may not know and do all my duty." Possessed of this spirit there is no development of the Christian character, no attainment of the Christian life, which may not be secured; for Christ affirmed as the object of His mission to men: "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." With a depth of insight into the spiritual needs of humanity which is peculiar and unrivalled, He is ready to bestow an affluent blessing which shall satisfy every noble respiration of the soul. He came to help the race to a higher life, and he had an undoubting confidence in the ultimate triumph of his kingdom of righteousness. As one of our own poets, J. G. Holland, has finely said:

"I count this thing to be grandly true:
That a righteous deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from its common clod
To a purer air and a clearer view.

"Heaven is not gained at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies;
And we mount to its summit round by round."

III. It is also the mission of the Christian Church in the world to blaze abroad the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The truth that has permeated all the centuries of the Christian era,—the truth of God as made known in the Gospel of Christ—is the one force that is permanent and perennial in the spiritual world. It is the central and constant faith of the Christian church. The beauty, the variety, the majesty of the divine revelation have ever been and will ever be, the citadel of Christianity. It was the propagation of the Gospel of peace and purity contained therein that Christ entrusted to his desciples to the end of time.

The risen Savior appointed a mountain in Galilee, whether Mount Tabor on the Mount of Beatitudes is unknown, where he would meet with his desciples for the last time. Here, we are told, "above five hundred brethren" gathered at the given time with "the eleven," to receive the parting commission and final command of their divine Lord. It was a moment of supreme interest, for it was the close of his earthly ministry. In the presence of this large assembly Jesus announced with explicit frankness his Divine mission and majesty. It is recorded that "Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying: All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!" Thus empowered to be his vouchers:—

"They to the farthest nations, spread
The glory of their ascended Lord."

Nearly twenty-five years after this memorable scene, Paul bears the remarkable testimony that "the greater part (of these eye-witnesses of the resurrected Christ) remain until now, but some are fallen asleep." They were to give their evidence to this stupendous miracle. On it was based the finished work of the Messiah. It was a risen Saviour that was to be the hope of the world. They, and their successors in the Christian Church till the end of time, were to proclaim that fact as the basal belief of Christianity. This is the reasoning of Paul in that marvellous and magnificent passage in his first "Epistle to the Corinthians," where he enforces this sublime truth. And this is the divine warrant and obligation of all missionary efforts. A true Church of Christ will always have a missionary spirit. Indeed, the possession of that spirit and the putting forth of that effort may be taken as a sure criterion of its Christian life. It will not be content to gather in, like a stagnant pool, all the blessings of the Gospel for its own exclusive use; but rather, as a flowing stream, it will seek to scatter its favors far and wide. It will strive that the bitter complaints of the persecuted David shall not be heard from any human being: "No man careth for my soul!" Rising to a just conception of its mission, it will try according to the ability and opportunity given it to blaze abroad the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Here then we find the missions of the Christian church in the world to be, "The holding forth of the word of life;—the culture of a noble character and conduct;—and the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom in all lands." While Henry Ward Beecher was engaged on the second volume of his "Life of Christ," a friend entered his study and, seeing what he was writing upon, enquired: "When will the Life of Christ be finished?" The question started a new train of thought in the writer, and he looked up and said with profound significance: "The Life of Christ will never be finished till the last saint of earth is welcomed home to heaven!" And that is true. The reproduced life of Christ in the renewed and consecrated life of His disciples, will go on till time shall be no more. New campaigns will be made and new conquests will be achieved in human hearts and homes so long as the world endures. The Church of Christ in any place has need to ask itself: "What do I stand for? What am I doing for the spiritual benefit of the community and the good of the world?" What estimate do worldly men put upon the lives of members of the church?" The answers to the questions settle in a very vital degree the influence of any church in any place.

It is a matter of profound gratitude to God that this church has always maintained an honorable record. It has been "steadfast in the faith." It has been active in the spread of the Gospel. Thankful for all the precious memories of the past, rejoicing in the grand opportunities of the present, and hopeful for the increasing usefulness of the feature, you may well hold on your way waxing stronger and stronger. Encouraged by what you have been permitted to do during the last half-century, you now enter upon another era of service for the church, the country, and the world. Trusting in the same Divine leadership that has hitherto guided your church life so successfully, may you go forward in the opening century with full confidence that yet greater triumphs await you in the spread of the Gospel, for the good of man and the glory of God.

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How shall I charm the interval that lowers
Between this time and that sweet time of grace?

I'll tell thee: for thy sake, I will lay hold
Of all good alms, and consecrate to thee
In worthy deeds, each moment that is told
While thou, beloved one, art far from me.

For thee I will arouse my thoughts to try
All heavenward flights, all high and holy strains;
For thy dear sake I will work patiently
Through these long hours, nor call these minutes pains.

I will this weary blank of absence make
A noble task time, and will therein strive
To follow excellence and to o'ertake
More good than I have won since yet I lived.

So may this darksome time build up in me
A thousand graces which shall thus be thine;
So may my love and longing hallowed be,
And thy dear thought an fullnesse divine.

THE KODAK'S EYE.

"It was just six years ago that I took my first walking tour with my kodak—daresay you remember. I had passed through Pinley one glorious June morning, and on the outskirts I came across one of the prettiest cottages I ever saw in my life. Gables, you know, and a porch framed in honeysuckle; and running up the hill behind the house, an old-fashioned garden—such a garden!

"A little boy was swinging on the gate," Thompson went on; "pretty little chap about six, I should think. He was lashing the gate with a great bunch of whitethorn, and chirruping to his steed as he swung back and forth. He looked across the road at me and laughed. 'If you'll keep quiet while I count six, I'll give you a bright new shilling,' I said. He eyed me critically. I set the focus and sighted the child in the finder of my kodak. I saw that the hillside garden and the honeysuckle porch would come into the scope of the picture. But I wished the child hadn't grown so perpetually grave. 'What you got in the box?' he said. 'I'll show you in a minute, if you keep quiet,' I answered. Just as I put my finger to the button a cuckoo in the corpse began to call. The child lifted his curly head and listened rapturously. 'It's my bird,' he said, but just before he spoke I had pressed the kodak button. Someone shouted 'Billy!' from the cottage, and the child scrambled down from the gate. 'Here's your shilling,' I said. He turned back, thrust his small hand through the white fence for his prize and scampered off with it.

"I had only a short holiday that year, and on my way home, going from Thorpe to Frenton, I took the wrong turning and found myself near Pinley again. I didn't really care, for I had made my forty-eight exposures, and wasn't looking for anything new. It was furiously hot the morning I saw the picture cottage for the second time. I came on it from behind the hill at the back, and saw that the place in reality was a small farm. 'I dare say they'd give me a glass of milk,' I thought, and by way of making a short cut I climbed a wall and dropped on the other side. But I came down on a wabbly stone lying in a ditch, lost my balance, turned my ankle, and lay cursing dismally for some minutes. Then I limped up to the house. There was no one about, and yet it wore an inhabited air. I knocked at a side door and leaned heavily against the lintel. No one came. I limped around to the front. My little friend wasn't hanging over the gate this time. I went into the porch and knocked again. The door was opened—a woman of about 35, looking very ill, I thought, stood there waiting to know my errand.

"'Can I get some one here to go for a fly! I've sprained my ankle, and—'

"'There's nobody here,' she said, and shook her head unsympathetically. I had a horrible fear that she was going to shut the door in my face.

"'Can you let me have a glass of milk?' I said. I wanted nothing in the world so much as an excuse to sit down.

"'Yes, I suppose so,' she said, indifferently. 'Come this way.'

"I followed her into the kitchen. She gave me a chair and went out. I sat nursing the injured ankle until she came back with the milk.

"'I passed here about ten days ago,' I said, 'on my way to Frenton.'

"'Did you?' said the woman in a stupid way. She turned to the window and sat down on a low stool by a market basket. I saw she had been shelling peas when I knocked.

"'I noticed your garden particularly. I haven't seen a finer one this year.'

"'No, it ain't bad,' she replied, dropping the fat peas into the pail at her side. Then they pattered down like hailstones.

"'How far shall I have to walk before I can get a trap?' I said.

"'Nothing this side of Travers, I should think.'

"'How far is that?'

"'Bout half a mile.'

"I almost groaned aloud. I couldn't walk it. Somebody must be found who would go and treat with Travers for me.!

"'I saw a little boy swinging on the gate when I passed some days ago—'

"The woman turned her head so sharply in my direction that I stopped short. It was only an instant's interruption. The face was averted again and the peas began to hail against the tin.

"'Isn't he here now?' I asked.

"The woman shook her head. It was very warm. The perspiration stood in beads on her forehead. She lifted her arm and passed the sleeve of her printed gown over her face. I set the empty glass on the table at my elbow, and took out my purse. I noticed the woman's quick hands were idle again, and her head bent down. 'She is very ill,' I thought. 'She can't go to Travor's but—'

"'I'll be glad to pay somebody half a crown who will get me a fly,' I said aloud. 'Do you know of—'

"She had lifted her head and looked at me.

"'Was it you gave him the shillin'?'

"'Gave who?'

"'Billy, my boy. You said you saw him swingin' on the gate. Was it you gave him a new shillin'?'

"'Oh, I believe I did,' I said.

The sunburnt face worked and dropped on her folded arms.

"'What happened,' I said, after a pause.

"She sat up and stared vacantly through the window.

"'I wasn't to let him go outside the gate to talk to people passin',' she said. 'I called him in when I heard voices that day. He showed me the shillin'—' She broke off and wiped her eyes with the back of her hand.

"'Yes?' I said.

"'I didn't like him takin' money from strangers; I scolded him, an' he—he cried.' Her own eyes were full of tears. 'I tried to make him say what the shillin' was for.' she went on. 'He said, "Nothin'." 'Then you beg it,' I says, 'an' you're a disgrace,' and he cried more an' said he hadn't—'

"'But that was quite true,' I interrupted.

"'Oh, I didn't know that. I didn't know that!' the woman moaned. 'I said I'd give him a beatin' if he didn't tell me why the strange gentleman gave him the shillin'. I might 'a done it, too, but he stopped cryin' all of a sudden, an' said: "Why, of course, mammy, I knew why he did it—it was because my cuckoo sang for him, an' I kep' quiet so he could hear." I knew that was just Billy's nonsense, but I didn't beat him.'

"I waited till she found her voice again," Thompson said, after a pause, as an excuse for the sudden failure of his own.

"The woman explained," he went on, "that Billie had climbed up the laburnum tree that same afternoon 'He lost his hold,' she said, an' the doctor says he must a' fell on his head—he died that night.'

"I muttered something stupid about sympathy. She went on shelling the peas. Looking vaguely around I caught sight of a child's photogarph in a frame on the opposite wall.

"'Is that a picture of your boy?' I asked.

"'No, no,' said the woman; 'that's my sister's child, and he ain't dead, neither! We never had a picture of Billy. That seems to make it worse, somehow. I tell my husband I believe I could bear it better if I had a picture of him.'

"'Why, I took a picture of him!' In my excitement I started up, and wrenched my unhappy ankle. I sank back, faint from pain.

"'You took a picture of my Billy! She was standing beside me when I opened my eyes.

"'Yes—er—or the house. He was at the gate, you know."

"'Thank God,' the woman said, shaking her clinched hands pitifully. 'Thank God! Thank God!'

"'But it may not come out right,' I said, cursing myself for having raised hopes that my kodak might not justify. 'You see, it isn't developed. I can't tell how—'

"'Oh, you must make it come out right, sir. Where is it?' The hard, sunburned face was quivering.

"'It's here, in this,' I motioned toward the kodak at my side. She kneeled down before it with clasped hands, like a penitent before a shrine.

"'You'll show it to me, sir—just for a minute!'

"'I can't just now—it isn't developed.'

"'But just let me see if it's my Billy. Oh, please, sir! If you knew, if you knew—'

"'I'll let you have it as soon as it's ready,' I said 'It would be spoiled if I took it out now.

"'I'd be very careful,' said the woman. She got up eagerly, and instinctively wiped her rough hands on her apron.

"'No, it's the light, you see, that would spoil it. It must be kept in the dark.' I tried to explain, but she evidently wasn't listening. She kept looking down at the kodak with superstitious awe.

"Someone passed the window. She looked up. 'They've got back!' she cried, breathlessly, and ran to the door in the scullery. She was talking excitedly about Billy's picture when she came back with two men. It was her husband and her younger brother, home from market. We soon arranged that after dinner, when the horse was rested, I should be driven to Frenton by my host, Peter Shail, and that meanwhile I should go up-stairs and lie down and let Mrs. Shail put cold water bandages on my foot. The pain had become excruciating.

"A very comfortable room it was that they put me in, and when Mrs. Shail said my foot was badly inflamed and that I had better stay where I was for a few days I wasn't at all unwilling.

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"'Will you show me the picture to-night?' she said, the moment the plan was decided on.

"A light broke in upon me. 'Unfortunately, I haven't any developer with me. I should have to send for some.'

"'You can buy anything at Frenton,' she said. 'Shail will go for you.'

"'Oh, I should have to send to London.'

"'Shail will go for you,' she repeated.

"'As to that, the Eastman Company would send it, But I have everything at home' and when I get back—'

"'Oh, if you please, sir, don't wait. Shail will take a telegram if you'll write it. I—I—you'll think me very strange, but—' she leaned over the foot of the bed and lowered her voice—'the truth is, I think I'll go clear out of my mind if I go like this. It's all about Billy, sir. You won't speak about it to Shail, but I seem to be forgetting how Billy looks. I can't go to sleep o' nights for tryin' to make a picture of him in my mind, an' it's gettin' harder. He's only been gone twelve days, last night I couldn't seem to remember anything but his hair. You see, I must be goin' out of my mind. But if I had a picture! Oh, sir, let Shail take a telegraph an' get the—the—whatever it is.'

"'She left the foot of the bed and came to the side. I looked up at the poor face and didn't hesitate long. 'Get me some paper and a pencil,' I said.

"Shail was dispatched with the 'telegraph' and the next afternoon a packet came from the Eastman Company.

"My foot was very painful. Mrs. Shail begged me not to stand on it.

"'I'll get you every thing you want,' she said.

"'Well, where is the kodak?' I looked about as I undid Eastman's package.

"'Oh, it's in my room,' she said, looking a little guilty; and she hurried out.

"'Hope it has't been tampered with,' I observed, when she came back again.

"'No, indeed,' she said; but she flushed under my glance. 'It's only been sitting on my chest of drawers, where I could see it plain.'

"But I mistrusted her. I dare say I showed it, too, for she hesitated an instant, and said, slowly, in a blundering kind of way: 'You can't think, sir, what a comfort it was for me to lie and look at it. I kep' thinking my Billy's in there. Maybe he's looking out now, through that little round window! Shall said no, and told me how it was, but, anyhow, it don't matter so much now if I do get mazed, and can't remember—his picture's safe in that little box. Seems queer, too. I've had such a lot of pictures of Billy in my head, an' I can't keep one clear; an' that little eye in the box never forgets him—never forgets him—like his own mother does.' Thompson cleared his throat.

"I asked her if she had a lamp with a red shade. 'Yes, sir,' she said, and started for the door.

"And bring in a couple of shallow dishes, pudding or vegetable dishes," I said, "and a pair of scissors."

"I examined the kodak, but couldn't find anything amiss. Still I was full of foreboding. The presentiment that something had happened to the particular picture I wanted became almost a conviction.

"At my direction the wooden shutters were closed and a pair of blankets and an elderdown quilt were put over the window. The small red-shaded lamp gave out a dim glow. On a table by my side were the dishes and a bath of developer.

"Now, you can go, Mrs. Shail,' I said. I'll call you when I'm ready.'

"'Go, sir?'

"'Yes. I won't be very long.'

"'Oh, you mustn't send me away, sir,' she said. 'Let me stay an' I'll help you. I can't go away an' wait!" She began to sob.

"I wished to the Lord I was out of it. But I thought, 'if the picture turns out right, after all!' Well, I began to fell more hopeful.

"The light was put behind the bed, and I opened the kodak, and took out the roll of film.

"'Where is it?' said the woman in a whisper, peering forward in the dark.

"'I think it's the third on this reel,' I said. "Give me the scissors.'

She fumbled about on the table. 'Here!' she said. The word was hoarse, and spoken with difficulty. The sound of her voice made me nervous. What an idiot I had been not to send her out!

"I unrolled the film and cut through the punctured lines. 'Where is the picture?' said the voice across the table. I was conscious she was peering into the empty kodak case.

"'I hope it's there,' I said, miserably, my presentiment coming back.

"'Where?'

"'On this piece of paper.' I mechanically laid down the third exposure and returned the reel to the case.

"The woman came nearer.

"'Please, sir, turn it over,' she said.

"'What?' I asked.

"'The paper.'

"'This, do you mean?' I picked up the scrap of film.

"'It isn't there! It isn't there!' The woman staggard back in the darkness.

"'Wait,' I said. 'We can't be certain for a few minutes. Don't go out. The door mustn't be opened.' But I was new most glad that she was prepared for the worst. I was as certain as if I had seen it that Billy's picture would be a failure.

"'Mrs. Shail was crying hoarsely in the corner. What a fool I'd been to say anything about that snap-shet! I poured the developer into a dish and submerged the film. I washed the liquid back and forth.

"'Please bring the light nearer,' I said, presently. Mrs. Shail got up and set the lamp on the edge of the table. I held up the film.

"'That one's turned dark,' said the woman, hopelessly. I knocked down the scissors with my elbow. She came round, fumbled on the floor and picked them up. I returned the film to the bath with a sense of infinite thankfulness and relief. Billy's picture was coming out all right. As I washed the stuff back and forth I could see his white thorn whip coming out black and distinct, and above it!—

"Mrs. Shail laid down the scissors and was looking over my shoulder.

"'That one's something like this house,' she said, drearily.

"'Look here!' I cried, holding the dish nearer the lamp. 'What do you see there in front!'

"She leaned over the table and stared into the dish

"'Yes, I see a fence and a shrubbery, an' a gate, an' a wide collar, an' a face, an'—Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord—it's my Billy swinging on the gate!'"

Thompson broke off at this point in his story and began to walk up and down the room.

"They send me a hamper full of flowers every year, on the anniversary of the day I saw Billy swinging on the gate. I haven't seen them since one day in that same year, when I went to take Mrs. Shail an enlarged photograph of my snap-shot. It came out splendidly!" Thompson said, with professional pride. "Best child's photo I ever saw; the prettiest background, the branch of white thorn hanging over the gate, the up-lifted face, intent smiling—just as if he heard his mother callin' him,' said Mrs. Shail.

"'No; it was the angels,' said the woman, very low."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

THE SICK BED.

In arranging the sick bed the two essential things to be thought of are the comfort of the patient and, after that, the convenience of the nurse.

The bedstead should be firm, light and simple. If it is firm, it cannot be easily jarred; if it is light, it can be easily moved; and if it is simple it can be easily kept clean. All these requirements are met in the plain iron bedsteads, which has the additional advantage that its width and height are adapted both to the needs of the patient and the convenience of the nurse.

If the bedstead is light it is better to have only the head end provided with castors, otherwise the bed will move too easily. By lifting the foot end off the floor the bed can be moved and guided without causing the patient the least discomfort.

The mattress should be sufficiently soft and yielding to be perfectly comfortable for the patient, but not so yielding as to allow his body to sink into it. It is very difficult to make a sick person comfortable on a sagging mattress.

Feather beds should never be used in cases of sickness. They are uncomfortable for the patient, it is impossible to keep them clean, almost of necessity they keep the patient's body unnecessarily warm, and they are extremely inconvenient for the nurse.

To prevent the mattress from becoming soiled a good-sized piece of waterproof material—preferably a rubber blanket—should be smoothly spread over it before the under sheet is put on. This sheet should be large enough to be securely tucked under the edges of the mattress, and the greatest care should be taken to smooth out all the creases.

The pillows should be thoroughly aired at least once a day, and whenever the pillow slip becomes soiled or damp with perspiration, a clean one should be substituted. The covering for the sick bed—other than the top sheet—should vary according to the temperature of the room, the nature of the sickness, the feelings of the patient and the season of the year. Whatever these conditions, the coverings should be as light as it is consistent with the comfort of the patient.—*Youth's Companion.*

SLIDING DOWN HILL ON THE BIBLE.—At a place in Maine, which needn't be named, says the Listener of the Boston *Transcript*, there lives a small boy named Jonathan Longfellow, who is a third or fourth cousin of the poet; and he is a great boy, too. One day a friend of the Listener's was driving past young Jonathan's house, and saw the boy engaged at a little distance in sliding down hill on the slippery crust on something that was not a sled. What could it be? Evidently the scrutiny of the passerby was observed by the boy, for he stopped his coasting and called out amiably, "I'm sliding down hill on the Bible!" And it was the fact, too. He had got the smooth, leather-bound family Bible, containing the generations of all the Longfellows, and was coasting on it with magnificent success.

A gentleman had five daughters, the first of whom married a man by the name of Poor, the second a Mr. Little, the third a Mr. Short, the fourth a Mr. Brown, the fifth a Mr. Hogg. At the wedding of the latter, her sisters with their husbands were there and the old gentlemen said to the guests, "I have taken pains to educate my daughters that they may act well their part of life, and do honor to my family. I find that all my pains, care and expectations have turned out nothing but a Poor, Little, Short, Brown, Hogg."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

The Doll that Grew.

Two children sat in a window low,
Where graceful vines ever loved to creep,
A cradle swinging, now fast, now slow,
Rocking a doll to sleep.

His chubby face and his ringlets brown,
Her laughing eyes and her dimples fair
A sunbeam, lost in the vines, looked down
Gilding her yellow hair.

I said "Good-bye, happy ones, good-bye,
E'er I come back, little girl and boy,
Your laugh will fade to a common sigh,
Mocking this childish joy."

Their eyes looked grave, for a moment's thought,
But could not take in the meaning cold,
She shook her head till her brown crown caught
Showers of curling gold.

"When you come back, me will be so tall,"
He said, "and proud." "Yes, me will," said she,
"The doll will grow, and the cradle—all,
Lovely as they can be."

And far away in the world of life,
In dreams and fancies that picture fair—
The girl's sweet faith and the boy's glad pride—
Followed me everywhere.

Ah, could it stay, could it always be!
But each joy falls with a broken wing;
Then night comes on, and it cannot see,
Meaning, it cannot sing.

With years of winter upon my head,
With years of summer upon my face,
I came, by haunting desire led,
Back to the self-same place

The same sun struggled and wandered through,
And glinted ringlets of brown and gold;
The doll had grown, and the cradle, too,
Lovelier than of old.

The two still sat in the window low,
Their hearts so full of love so deep—
A cradle swinging, so soft and slow,
Rocking their child to sleep.

—*Edward D. Oldham, in Youth's Companion.*

ON KEEPING YOUR OWN COUNSEL.

It is an old saying among schoolboys and college men that the fellow who keeps his mouth shut is always the big man; that he who deliberately says little quickly wins for himself the name for wisdom. Such statements are quite as true in the outer world to a certain degree as they are in college and school. The pith of the matter is that if in any way you arrive at a position of any importance, the less you talk to everyone the more credit you receive for care, for thoughtfulness, for sound, well-considered opinions. Here is nothing which urges a boy to have no opinions or to never express them; and in fact this "wise silence," at school and college as often, perhaps, covers up an empty mind as it does the wisdom of Solomon. There is, however, a good rule to follow, which may be given briefly, to the effect that it is well to say little until you have thoroughly made up your mind, and then not to hesitate in your statements. The temptation of the average man is to express some opinion at once, but if that is changed later, the full force of the final opinion is lost.

Let others do the wrangling. Your opinion will have all the more influence if you come out strong with it at the close of the discussion, when not only are the others considerably in doubt as to what they do want, but you have also had the advantage of hearing many sides of the case.

That is to say, that in your daily behavior towards the others in school it is well to keep your "talk" in reserve. It is a habit easily acquired, and one that in the end works both ways. It adds both to the value of your advice, because the advice is better considered, and it gives the advice an added value so far as others are concerned, because when you only say a little, that little has the mere consideration.—*Harper's Round Table.*

WHICH WAS THE BRAVE BOY.

"My great-great-grandfather fought in the Revoultionary war," said Victor proudly. "He was one of the guards when Major Andre was shot."

"My grandfather was in the last war, and marched with Sherman to the sea," said Winfred.

"My father belongs to the Home guard and helped to capture that burglar that tried to rob the bank," said Pliny.

Little Sammy Satherland was the only boy who had not spoken.

"Say, Sammy," said Pliny, "what did your father or some of your relations do that was brave?"

Sammy hung his head in shame. "Never heard as they did anything worth mentioning," he stammered.

"Anyway, Sammy isn't to blame, and I'm awful sorry for him," said Winfred.

"So'm I," said Victor. "Course it makes a boy feel mean, some way."

Just then the teacher came from the schoolhouse and stopped near the boys. He was a student from the college and the boys all loved and admired him.

"What is the trouble, Sammy?" he asked.

"It's because he hasn't any relations that are brave as the rest of us have," said Pliny, before Sammy could answer.

"Never mind!" said the teacher. "I think it is a little better to be brave one's self than to have brave relations."

"Ha! ha!" laughed the boys.

"But Sammy isn't brave," said Pliny; "he's afraid of his own shadow."

Then Sammy wished the ground would open just a little crack so he could slip in.

"I think Sammy is brave," said the teacher. "Let me tell you. The other day I heard some boys talking about a 'jolly good joke' they were planning to play upon the poor old man who was chopping down the dead elm tree over there. He had brought his dinner in a pail and left it with his coat near the spring (and poor enough it was, for I saw him eating it), and the boys thought it would be such fun to empty out his lunch and fill the pail with stones. Then little Sammy Sutherland spoke up brave and true: 'No, I think it would be downright mean, boys, and I'll have nothing to do with it.' I call that a brave speech for a little fellow."

Then the other boys grew red and ashamed, and Sammy caught hold of the teacher's hand and held it close in both of his, while the master smiled upon him.

"I don't think that would be a good joke at all, and I'm glad you didn't play it," said the teacher. "But I'll tell you what would be fun. Just fill up the poor man's pail with some of the good things you bring for your lunch, and see if you don't feel like laughing every time you think about it."

"We will," said Winfred; "won't we, boys?"

"Yes," said Pliny, and we'll never even think of playing such a mean joke again. I'm glad Sammy was braver than we were."

—*Julia D. Peek.*

"Pretty good show, this year, I think," said Adam, as he and Noah walked through the Garden.

"Fair," said Noah. "Pretty fair. You ought to have seen the canine department in the Ark, though, Adam. That was a daisy."

"It needed to be, with two of every kind," said Adam. "Were they on the Ark itself?"

"Yes; why not?"

"Oh, I didn't know but you made them sail on their own barks," said Adam.—*Harper's Bazar.*

The Journal.

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PALMER NEWS.

Hypnotism or ?

There was only a small audience at the opera house last evening to see Dr. C. W. Amerige of Springfield in his demonstration of hypnotism, but those who were there seemed to enjoy the performance not a little, though there was a vast difference of opinion as to the genuineness of the impelling force in some of the scenes. Mr. Amerige brought his subjects with him, and they seemed to be well trained, too well trained in some instances to make the audience believe that they were not fully conscious of what they were doing; the doctor stated that the subjects were all those whom he had operated upon before, and that he did not blame the audience for thinking that they be shamming, a remark which relieved him of considerable criticism before the performance was over. However much or little hypnotic power Dr. Amerige may be able to exert, there is no doubt but that in some instances last evening there was some force present in the subject not ordinarily there, as for instance when a man of about 50 was thrown into a state of catalepsy and suspended in a horizontal position with his neck on the back of one chair and his heels on another, while a young man stood on his body without the slightest giving of the muscles.

The exhibition began with the testing of the half dozen subjects for the closing of the eyes, then for the control of the muscles, each in turn being given a cane and told he could not let go of it, could not hold it down or up, and each apparently found it impossible to do the opposite from what he was told. This was followed by the putting of one after the other into a cataleptic state, in which the body became perfectly rigid, all the muscles being firmly set and the arms and legs unbendable. A committee consisting of Judge Robinson, E. C. Buffington, C. A. Royce and William Clee were on the stage during this exhibition and examined the subjects, pronouncing them to be in the condition indicated, and no shamming. This was followed by the subjects imagining they were sitting on hot stoves; out in the woods fighting mosquitoes, which was highly amusing; laughing at something funny, in which the victims fell off their chairs in the exuberance of their mirth; a barber shop in which the enstomer left without paying his bill and was pursued by the barber; dancing party; football game; and others which amused the audience not a little. One subject was given a cent to hold in his hand, and was told that it would soon get red hot; it apparently did, for he quickly dropped it and began to treat his hand for a burn. The cent had previously been marked, and was now mixed with a dozen others in the hands of E. C. Buffington, who dropped them one by one into the subject's hand; the hot one was quickly dropped when it touched him, and was found to be the marked coin.

Two Large Contracts Secured by the Flynt Company.

The Flynt Building and Construction Company has just closed a contract to build a large plant for the manufacture of cotton goods at Cordova, Alabama, to be known as the Indian Head Cotton Mills of Alabama. It is to be built by Northern capitalists. This is one of many similar plants designed by Lockwood, Greene & Co., mill engineers of Boston, and built through New England and the South. The main mill will be about 400 feet long by 130 feet wide, four stories high; there will also be an engine house 60 feet by 50 feet, boiler house 85 feet by 28 feet, and a chimney 200 feet high. Mr. J. F. Gallivan, formerly of Monson, will be superintendent in charge of construction, and will start for the South very soon. This company has also been awarded the contract to erect at Passaic, N. J., a weave shed 340 feet long by 108 feet wide for the Botany Worsted Mills, for whom they have done a large amount of work in the past few years, having covered an area of twelve acres with buildings. Both of the above jobs have been in contemplation for two years, but the owners did not feel warranted in going ahead with the buildings until confidence in the financial policy of the country was restored.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

Miss Bertha Hastings is home from Smith College.

The high school closed to-day for a week's vacation.

Clarence Wing of East Cambridge was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Aiken are visiting their son in New Haven.

Fred Gunn of Worcester visited his mother here Sunday.

Miss Mabel Lyman is visiting her grandmother in Hampden.

Measles are quite prevalent, many children being ill with the disease.

Mrs. William Shea and children are visiting relatives in Hampden.

Miss Mignon Fuller left Wednesday to attend Wesleyan Academy.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. C. W. Robinson this afternoon.

Andrew Pinney is building an addition to his residence on Maple street.

S. W. Stanchfield has purchased a new horse of W. Royce of Wales.

The house of Mrs. Lyman Dimock on Park street is being shingled.

D. A. Fuller of the Weeks House is ill with inflammation of the heart.

The notices of the applications for license will be found in another column.

The Order of the Eastern Star will hold a meeting in Masonic hall this evening.

The Greyhounds defeated the Carpet Mills 18 to 6 in a game of ball last Saturday.

Everett Kendall has taken a position as clerk with the Smith Grocery Company.

Mrs. J. E. Bird of Syracuse, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. D. Converse.

Mr. Snow of Lynn has been visiting his father, Lyman Snow of Shearer's Corner.

Mrs. E. F. Hawes of Springfield is a guest at the home of Richard Westcott on Central street.

Charles Atkins has taken a position with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company.

A party of gypsies has been camping on the accustomed ground near Burleigh's crossing.

Miss Agnes Dawson, who has been visiting in Greenfield, returned to her home Wednesday.

F. Viggers of Springfield will preach in the Advent chapel next Sunday; subject, "Immortality."

A. J. Northrop has been confined to the house this week by a severe illness, but is now improving.

Mrs. L. H. Hendee and daughter Sabra have returned from a visit with relatives in Lowville, N. Y.

Mrs. Adelaide Collis sustained a paralytic shock Wednesday morning, and at present is in a critical condition.

Mrs. L. E Carpenter will have a millinery opening to-day and to-morrow. All are cordially invited to attend.

Walter Kenerson has moved from Converse avenue into the tenement of George B. Kenerson on Park street.

Mrs. Hooker, who has been visiting several months in Nashua, N. H., has returned to her home on Maple street.

LeGro & Lynde have commenced moving their stock of goods to their new store in the former post office location.

Rufus W. Stimson, a member of the graduating class of the Yale Divinity School, has been given a license to preach.

Miss Alice Brown, a teacher in the Fitchburg high school, has been visiting at her home on School street this week.

Mrs. W. H. Whiting of Greenfield has been a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dewey of South Main street.

The overseers of the poor met Wednesday afternoon for organization; William Merriam was chosen chairman and secretary.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Baptist church will give a salad supper in the church parlors next Tuesday evening.

Harvey Chapman has bought the property on Thorndike street formerly owned by the late Dr. W. H. Stowe, known as Oak Knoll.

The high school baseball team will play a practice game with a picked nine from this village on the driving park to-morrow afternoon.

The residence of Mrs. Purlin Shearer at Shearer's Corner is being painted. George Aspinwall and W. S. French are doing the work.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Congregational church parlors next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Six persons were admitted into membership at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, one by baptism and five by letter and experience.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society held a meeting in the store of Secretary F. D. Barton at 10.30 o'clock this morning.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. C. W. Loomis of West Brookfield occupied the pulpit in exchange with the pastor.

The committee appointed at the town meeting to investigate cemetery sites held a meeting Saturday evening in Representative Kenefick's office.

Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church will exchange pulpits with Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Monson Congregational church next Sunday morning.

E. D. Tufts has a new addition to his bicycle store in the shape of a large and attractive sign on the side of the building toward Commercial street.

About 40 Palmer people will go to Monson next Wednesday evening to attend the reading of Mary French Field, daughter of the late Eugene Field.

Mrs. Henry Atkins, who has been visiting her daughter in Somerville, is home for a brief stay and will return again in the course of a few days.

A party of 25 young people of the Baptist church enjoyed a pleasant social time at the residence of C. E. Fuller on South Main street Monday evening.

In the House last Friday Representative Kenefick of Palmer presented the petition of the selectmen that the town by authorized to fund its indebtedness.

Morning prayer and vespers at St. Paul's church next Sunday will be in touch with the spirit of Palm Sunday. All will be welcomed to the services.

W. H. Brainerd is getting his residence on Converse avenue inside a new coat of paint. Mrs. C. W. Cross is also painting her residence on North Main street.

The names of two applicants for membership in the Palmer Business and Social Club will be acted upon at its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Sarah Wallace of Pine street, for many years a well-known resident of Palmer, is to move to Worcester the first of May, and has rented her house to Walter Shaw.

F. D. Barton, secretary of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, has a supply of garden seeds which will be distributed to those wishing them who will call at his store.

The passenger cars on the New London Northern division of the Central Vermont road are being painted a peculiar shade of dark red, which is on the whole rather attractive.

The baseball team of the Eagle Athletic Club will cross bats with the Hornets of Monson in the latter place to-morrow afternoon. Doyle and Kerr will do the battery work for the Eagles.

The millinery openings of Miss K. I. McMahon and Miss M. C. McDonald held last week were largely attended. A fine display of the latest styles and novelties in hats were shown.

The music at the Congregational church will be under the care of Mrs. W. H. Small the coming year. Mrs. Rufus Flynt has been engaged to sing, in addition to which there will be a chorus choir.

John Longwill, 35, of Worcester, died at the home of his brother, J. B. Longwill, on South Main street this forenoon from a complication of diseases. The funeral will be Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The last social of the season under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of the Congregational church was held Wednesday evening. The usual excellent supper was served, which was well attended.

Tickets went on sale this week for the reading of "A Midsummer Nights' Dream," by Mrs. Hannibal Williams in Memorial Hall on the evening of April 27th, under the auspices of the high school seniors.

Good Cheer Rebekah Degree lodge will meet next Tuesday evening. The deputy will install the newly-elected treasurer, Mrs. G O. Henry, who will fill the vacancy caused by the removal from town of Mrs. R. J. Henry.

At a meeting of the county commissioners in the court house at Springfield Wednesday, William H. Brainerd of Palmer was chosen chairman of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late T. M. Brown.

Quite a number of people will take advantage of the special train to Willimantic Monday evening to attend the comedy "My Friend from India" in the Loomer opera house. The train leaves at 6 20 p. m.; fare for the round trip $1.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. G. Hastings. After the regular meeting of the club Mrs. Hastings and Mrs. C. K. Gamwell will entertain the members of the club and their gentlemen friends.

A young men's Bible class has been formed in the Baptist church, to meet every Sunday morning for Bible study, with the following officers: President, Frank Cassie; vice president, Mr. Adams; secretary, J. Arthur Wells; treasurer, Charles Wood.

Ernest Rogers, employed in the freight yard of the Central Vermont railroad, met with an accident in the yard Saturday morning. While coupling cars his right arm was caught between the deadwoods and crushed. The injury, it is thought, will not prove serious.

Mrs. George M. Stone of Tenneyville celebrated her 79th birthday in a quiet manner at her home Tuesday. Friends called during the day to offer congratulations. Mrs Stone is at present enjoying good health, and bids fair to remain with her friends for a number of years to come.

Quite a number of trout fishermen have been out this week and report the "speckled beauties" more plenteous in the brooks than usual at this time of the year. They are also of unusual size, judging from the report of the many large ones which let go just as they were about to be landed.

The cantatas, "Hunt the Thimble," and "Peppery Pa," under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Small for the benefit of St. Paul's Sunday school, were the attraction at the opera house Tuesday evening. Considering the stormy weather a large number were present, and the school netted about $25.

At a meeting of the selectmen last Monday these appointments for night police were made: Palmer, John Eastman; Thorndike, John Luman; Three Rivers, J. J. Manning; Bondsville, Michael Collins. G. H. Austin of Palmer and C. E. Shumway of Bondsville were appointed special police officers.

The annual fire district meeting will be held in the district court room next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. As the department does not need any larger appropriations than usual, and the articles to be acted upon are of the usual run, not much interest is manifested in the meeting. In all probability there will be but few, if any, changes among the officers.

The residence of John Chalk in Tenneyville had a narrow escape from fire last Saturday morning. The evening before some member of the family had occasion to use a lantern, and when through left it on a shelf in the kitchen, supposing they had extinguished it. They evidently failed to do so, for when the family awoke in the morning they found the shelf and wall partly burned.

Arthur D. Peck, a special newspaper correspondent of Boston, will give a lecture in the opera house next Friday evening, on "Paris and the Visit of the Czar, the Grandest Fete of Modern Times, and a Bicycle Trip through England's Rural Paradise," which will be profusely illustrated by stereopticon views. Mr. Peck is highly commended by the press of various towns as an interesting and instructive speaker.

Bartholomew J. Sharkey of West Brimfield went to Springfield Tuesday, and while there quenched his thirst with a mixture of beer and cider. When he arrived home he was in a fighting mood and proceeded to disturb the usual peaceful tranquility of that quiet hamlet. Deputy Sheriff Northrop was sent for and arrested Sharkey and he appeared before the court Wednesday morning. He was fined $10, which he paid.

John Conlon of Brimfield was before the district court Saturday morning on a charge of bastardy, having been arrested in Templeton Friday evening by Deputy Sheriff Studley. He was discharged, the matter being settled out of court. Michael Connors of Wales was also present to answer to a like charge. A portion of the evidence was submitted and the case continued until the 24th. One civil entry, Samuel Dudley vs. John F. Hannifin, was entered.

Guy Stanchfield was the victim of an unusual accident at the performance of the cantata in which he had part at the opera house Tuesday evening. It was necessary for him to fall under a table, and in doing so some percussion matches in his pocket ignited. Some of the other actors soon smelled smoke and began to look for fire, but it was soon found by Mr. Stanchfield, the fire eating through his clothing to his person, which accounted for his hasty exit from the stage at one point of the performance which seemed a little out of place to the audience.

S. B. Keith has returned from Philadelphia, having been graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. Dr. Keith has already passed the theoretical and medicinal portion of the examination of the State Board of Examiners, and expects to pass the practical part next June, and with a graduate of the college of the class of '94 will locate in Springfield. They will open a branch office in Palmer and each devote three days a week here. Dr. Keith is well known in Palmer, and has many friends who wish him success in his chosen profession.

Probate Court.

The following business of local interest was transacted at the monthly session of the probate court in Springfield Wednesday:—Wills approved in the estates of—Andrew J. Neff, late of Monson, Jason Butler executor; Mary E. Pease, late of Monson, Carlos M. Gage executor; Lydia Harvard, late of Brimfield, Henry and George Adams executors; Chloe Stebbins, late of Wilbraham, Solomon B. Stebbins executor. Administration granted in the estates of—Orrin A. Powell, late of Palmer, Fred J. Richards administrator; William K. Harvard, late of Brimfield, William J. Harvard administrator; John Speight, late of Wilbraham, Francis E. Clark administrator; Anne H. Brown, late of Brimfield, Arthur B. Brown administrator; Roswell W. Foskett, late of Brimfield, Mary E. Foskett administratrix; Webster K. Peirce, late of Brimfield, Etta L. Peirce administratrix; Lucilla Stacy, late of Brimfield, Arthur B. Stacy administrator; Sarah O. Perry, late of Wales, John H. Spear administrator; Terzah Pease, late of Monson, Carlos M. Gage administrator. Inventory was filled in the estate of Pamelia G. Howard, late of Wilbraham, and accounts were filed in the estates of Adin Whitney, late of Ludlow; Stephen J. Miller, late of Ludlow; Albert S. Warner, late of Ludlow. Johanna Moriarty was appointed guardian of John, James and Michael Moriarty, minors, of Palmer.

The Converse Family.

I have been reminded that I omitted in my recent article on the Converse family, the name of John S. Converse, the only son of the late Dea. Hiram Converse, now of Saginaw, Michigan. The oversight will not however, lose him the coveted place in the 26th degree of the ancient line, but this addendum will serve to recall to some that he still lives to rejoice in the ancient name of Converse.

The article in question was not written for the purpose of giving a genealogy of the family at large, but simply to call the attention of some resident members to the fact of their ancient lineage, so it is hoped that those of the name not personally mentioned will not feel slighted because their name does not appear. O. P. ALLEN.

Appreciative Words.

Editor of Journal:—My attention has been directly called to the enterprise of the PALMER JOURNAL on two occasions of late, which to my mind is commendable, and greatly to the credit of the paper and staff. I refer to the report you gave of the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the second Congregational church, which was observed last week, and to go back a little further, the complete report you had of the centennial celebration of the organization of Thomas Lodge of Masons, which was perhaps the greatest achievement of the two. I feel that such efforts are allowed to pass as too trifling, and are not met with the encouraging words they deserve. Allow me, as an admirer of enterprise whenever it is shown, to congratulate you in your efforts in the two instances referred to, and I trust that you will be equally successful in your account of future observances which may be held in our town. Yours truly,

W. R. MILLIGAN.

Palmer, April 5, 1897.

REMINISCENCES

Of Palmer Fifty Years Ago, By Rev. Thomas Wilson.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH.

It was one of the felicities of my connection with the early history of the Second Congregational church, that I was present and assisted in the dedication of this edifice. It occurred before my ordination, while I was supplying the pulpit of the Brimfield church for three months. In order to have the communion of the Lord's Supper administered there, I exchanged with Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., pastor emeritus of the church in Monson, who was then preaching to this new organization. That service led to my being invited to preach here as a candidate for settlement.

CALL TO THE PASTORATE.

After supplying the pulpit a few Sabbaths, and forming a personal and pleasant acquaintance with the people, I received a unanimous invitation from the Church and Society to become their pastor, which I cordially accepted. In due time an ecclesiastical council was called to meet Tuesday afternoon, February 29th, 1848, that being a leap year; the examination was held that day but the ordination and installation occurred the day following, March 1st. The sermon was preached by my dear friend and brother, Rev. Lyman Whiting, D. D., then of Brookfield, now of East Charlemont, and who at the venerable age of 80 years, "with his natural force unabated," is still preaching the "gospel of the grace of God." The ordaining prayer was offered by the venerable and beloved father in the ministry, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., of Monson. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., of North Brookfield, with all the impressive solemnity and practical good sense which characterized that eminent "man of God." The right hand of fellowship was extended in a genial and brutherly way by Rev. M. K. Cross, then pastor of the First church in Thorndike, and now residing in a grand old age at Waterloo, Iowa. The address to the people was given by Rev. Charles B. Kittredge of Monson, and was a scholarly and appropriate production. Messrs. Whiting and Cross are the only members of the council, so far as I know, who are still living.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your present indefatigable and remarkably accurate church clerk, O. P. Allen, states in his admirable "History and Manual," published in 1865, that "the Sunday school connected with the church was organized April 8, 1852." That was the time when new officers were chosen, but the school was formed soon after my ministry began, for I ever regarded it as an important branch of church work. Mr. Moses Barnes was the first superintendent, which office he filled acceptably for several years. I rejoice to see that under the skillful and energetic lead of my latest worthy successor, the school has been put on a new basis, and is now pursuing an extended and systematic course of study in Biblical knowledge. This must prove advantageous to all connected with this helpful and hopeful department of Christian instruction. It must lead to a clear and convincing acquaintance with the truths of the Bible, and thus form the basis of all right-living. "The Word of the Lord abideth forever."

RECALLED TO THE PASTORATE.

After my dismission from the pastoral office here, the services of Rev. W. W. Belden were secured as a "supply" for about two years, but he was not installed as pastor. When he closed his labors, an earnest and unanimous call was given to me to return to this, my first field of service, but I had become the pastor of another flock, and I did not see my way clear to accept the cordial call. It was however, very gratifying to me to find that this church still cherished a warm regard for their former minister, and were ready to renew the sacred relationship of pastor and people.

THE PALMER JOURNAL.

This live paper was established here during my ministry, and I recall with pleasure that I was an "assistant editor" for the first three months of its struggling life, and also contributed material aid for its support. Its founder was a man of energy and enterprise, with a keen perception of the bearing of passing events in their relations to the welfare of the community, and always ready by pen and type to promote the interests of the place.

MILITARY TITLES.

Considering that as a nation we had been at peace so long, it was truly wonderful how many bare military honors; but they were earned not on the bloody battle-field, but on the peaceful arena of the muster-field. The State Militia was then in all its glory, and training-day was one of the chief holidays of the people. And so it came to pass that military titles were scattered with a profuse hand, but borne with a becoming honor. Among others I remember Colonels Isaac King and Cyrus Knox, Majors John B. Blanchard and Franklin Morgan, Captain A. N. Dewey, who wore their titles with dignity, and doubtless would have been ready, at their imperilled country's call, to have braved "the stern arbitrament of war."

THORNDIKE.

At opera house, Palmer, April 16, illustrated lecture by A. K. Peck.

Mrs. J. M. Gerrish of Woburn is visiting her son, Rev. G. M. Gerrish.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Talmadge, and it was voted to serve a dinner on May Day, from 12 till 2 o'clock.

PALMER CENTER.

Miss Whelan is spending her vacation at her home in Westhampton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. W. Stimson left here last week for Brimfield, where they are to have charge of the town farm for the ensuing year.

These scholars have not been absent nor tardy since the beginning of the term at Thanksgiving: Willie Crimmins, Dalory St. John, Sarah Trumble, Sydney Trumble, Eva Brothers, Josie Mahoney, Agnes Mahoney, Edward Mahoney, Lucy Bacon.

THREE RIVERS.

At opera house, Palmer, April 16, illustrated lecture by A. K. Peck.

Millinery Opening, afternoon and evening, April 10th. All invited. Mrs. L. M. Pahne, East Main st

Mr and Mrs. F. O. Lavene of Hudson are visiting F. W. Lavene.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bliss are rejoicing over the birth of a 9½ pound daughter on Wednesday. Mother and child are doing well.

Frank Barton has moved from his tenement on the Palmer road to the tenement lately vacated by Mrs. McGee on Anderson avenue.

At the Union church next Sunday morning. Rev. A. M. Boulgourjoo, a prominent Armenian pastor and evangelist, will give an address on the work in Armenia.

It is expected that Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., secretary of the Mass. Baptist Convention, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and officiate at the communion service. Evening service to be announced.

A large audience attended the lecture in the Baptist church Tuesday evening. Over 100 beautiful views were shown, giving vivid reproductions of life and customs in China and the associations of the U. S. Consul at Foo-Chow.

An illustrated lecture on "Constantinople" will be given in the Union church next Tuesday evening by Rev. A. M. Boulgourjoo. Mr. Boulgourjoo is said to be a talented speaker, and is thoroughly familiar with the city which forms the subject of his lecture. He is a native of Armenia, and has participated in Oriental life in many of its most interesting phases. A graduate of Yale University, he is able to combine a clear conception of American ideas on the Eastern question with his own thorough knowledge of the subject. This is a free lecture, given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church, and everyone is cordially invited to be present.

BONDSVILLE.

At opera house, Palmer, April 16th, illustrated lecture by A. K. Peck.

Scott Merrifield of Springfield was at his home over Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Hall is spending a few weeks with relatives in Lowell.

Mrs. Wood of Chicopee visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holden, this week.

Miss Jennie Bray of Palmer has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. D. Holden, this week.

Miss Marion Knowlton has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Aldrich, at Amherst this week.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor has returned from Enfield, where she has been for a couple for weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. VanTassell gave a whist party at their home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. William O'Regan of Indian Orchard visited her sister, Miss Mary Twiss, one day this week.

Miss Florence Richardson of Gilbertville was the guest of Miss Florence Bond a few days last week.

Miss Sawtell's class in music gave a musical at the home of A. P. Knowlton last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward T. Stone was called to Portland, Me., last Saturday by news that her mother was severely ill.

Mrs. A. L. Squier and son Donald, of Amherst, are visiting Mrs. Squier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rather.

The annual sale of pews for the ensuing year will take place at the Methodist church Monday evening, April 19th.

Miss Sadie Bradley has returned from New York, where she went about two weeks ago, and is at present staying with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Woolard.

Mrs. E. M. Barnard of Turners Falls visited her brother, Edwin E. Rather, a few days this week. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Dorothy.

T. E. Davis of Enfield has opened a harness and shoe shop in the basement of Parent's block. He carries in stock a full line of stable goods of all kinds.

Rev. Robert E. Smith left this week for Lowell to attend the annual conference of the New England Methodists. There will be no preaching services at the church Sunday.

William Donovan, Sr., has been very sick for the last two or three weeks, and his recovery is doubtful. It has been thought several times that he could not live through the day.

Miss Flemming of Thorndike held her millinery opening in Landers' block Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The opening was very well attended, and some very pretty hats were displayed.

Work on C. L. Holden's new store has been progressing quite rapidly this week. The bottom timbers are all laid and also the floor; the frame will probably be well started by Saturday night. G W. Canterbury has charge of the work.

The indications are that bicycles are going to be more numerous this year then ever before. Six or seven wheels have already been purchased, and several more expect to buy wheels very soon. One lady has a wheel, and three or four more are talking of buying.

The audience room of the Methodist church, which has been closed for two months undergoing repairs, will be re-opened for the first time next Friday evening, when Rev. George W. Locke of Belchertown will deliver his lecture, entitled, "An Evening in Scotland." Mr. Locke has delivered this lecture to a good many audiences, it has always been highly spoken of and has been recommended by the press of various places. Mr. Locke has traveled extensively in Scotland, and has visited a l of the scenes which he so eloquently describes. The lecture will not only be amusing and entertaining, but will be instructive as well. As this will be the first opportunity for the public to view the audience room since the repairs were completed, it is expected that a good sized audience will be present.

Railroad Station Burned.

The Boston and Albany station at West Ware was burned last Friday, being entirely destroyed. It is supposed that the fire was started from a spark from the freight engine which passed the station a short time before it was discovered. The loss to the railroad company was not very heavy, as the building was probably not worth over $500. The West Ware Paper Company lost considerably by the fire, as they had stock and machinery stored in the station, which was burned. Their loss will probably exceed $1200, no insurance.

BORN.

At Three Rivers, 6th, a daughter (Wilberta Merrill) to Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Bliss.

At Warren, 6th, a son to Jesse A. and Eva Patrell Robinson.

DIED.

At Boston, 2d, Miss John Avery of Warren.

At Brimfield, 2d, Mrs Lucella Stacy, 62, of Monson.

At West Warren, 6th, John Downey.

FOR SALE.—Two new milch cows. 2-3 C. T. BRAINERD, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. tf-44 Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

TO RENT.—Tenement, half house, six rooms, Spring street. G. A. KEITH, Pond street.

TENEMENT TO RENT.—In house of C. L. Gardner on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 2-1f

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From prize winning Barred Plymouth Rocks. RALPH LEGRO, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The Dwight M. Stebbins home stead in Three Rivers. Enquire of tf-47 C. L. GARDNER, Palmer.

PAINT SHOP TO RENT.—Also upper tenement in Dewey house on South Main street. Apply to W. W. LEACH. tf-31

I WISH to purchase for cash, Old United States and Revenue Stamps. Address, H. W. McGREGORY, tf-32 Box C, Palmer, Mass.

FOR SALE.—Wood lot, about 60 acres, and farm about 100 acres, situated three miles south of Warren, belonging to the E. Willis estate. H. W. SIBLEY, Administrator, 2-2 Ware, Mass.

PIGS.

Litter of nine very choice ones. Inquire at E. E. BUCK & CO'S. Hardware Store, or of G. A. BUCK, Main street, Palmer. 2-4

WANTED.—Experienced Operators on W. & G. Straw Machines. Men's and Boys' Hats. Apply at once. NELSON & LADDW, 10-46 Upton, Mass.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.

Monson, March 25th, 1897. tf-52

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property near "Parksville" in Brimfield, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. C. W. JOHNSON.

Palmer, March 25th, 1897. tf-52

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

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Strictly Fresh Eggs, . 15c dozen.

Fine Lemons, 10c dozen, three dozen, 25c

Laundry Starch, . 5c lb., 6 lbs., 25c

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California Oranges, sweet, very fine, ... 30 and 40c dozen.

Edam Cheese in foil, full weight, ... 90c each.

Cream Baking Powder, ... ½ lb. can, 15c, 1 lb., 30c

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Plymouth Rock Gelatine, white and pink, . . 15c package.

Apples, Baldwin, . . 20c peck.

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Straw Mattings, ... 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c a yard.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 9, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

At opera house, Palmer, April 16, illustrated lecture by A. K. Peck.

NO-LICENSE ONCE MORE.

Majority of 83 No. Annual Town Meeting Matters in Detail.

The annual town meeting was held Monday and was largely attended, as there was business of general interest to be transacted. The polls opened soon after 9 o'clock, Town Clerk Carlos M. Gage reading the warrant. Arthur D. Norcross was unanimously elected moderator, William H. Anderson had charge of the check list, and George Foskit of the ballot-box. Julius N. Graves and Reuben Smith were chosen surveyors of wood and lumber, and John Leahy and Harrison Howe measurers of bark; Harrison Howe was elected sealer of weights and measures. The field-drivers are Charles L Clough, Asa W. Leonard and Michael D. Maloney. The reports of the town officers were passed over. The list of jurors was accepted, with the exception of Wesley A. Squier, who declined to serve. It was moved by R. M. Reynolds that all articles in the warrant relating to the raising and appropriating of money be referred to a committee of seven, who should consider them and report at an adjourned meeting. The motion was carried, and the committee consists of Mr. Reynolds, R. P. Cushman, John Leahy, Dr. G. E. Fuller, G. H. Foskit, C. W. King and O. E. Pease. The prosecuting committee is the same as last year, Joel H. Thompson, Horace Squier and Charles C. Keefe. On motion of E. D. Cushman it was voted that a 5 per cent discount should be offered on taxes paid on or before August 2, that they should be taken at par on or befor, December 1, and that interest at 6 per cent should be charged after that time. The tax collector will receive the sum of $225, for his services if he collects within $800 of the amount of the taxes before March 1, and $175 if not. On motion of Dr. Fuller the price for care of cemetery lots is to be reduced. A committee composed of A. W. Dana, F. E. Morris and P. W. Soule was chosen to revise the town's by-laws and report at a subsequent meeting. It was voted to postpone indefinitely the printing of 800 copies of the valuation and taxes. It was voted on motion of R. M. Reynolds that the provisions of chapter 374 of the acts of '95 be accepted, which provides that a road surveyor should be elected by ballot. This takes the matter of roads out of the hands of the selectmen, and will be acted upon one year hence. Article 24 caused a long and lively discussion. R. M. Reynolds spoke in favor of instructing the water commissioners to make the water rate $6 a year for 20,000 gallons, including meter charges; Edward F. Morris, the retiring member of the water board, presented reasons why the board thought that the minimum price should be kept at $8; others spoke also. The motion was finally carried. The treasurer was authorized to borrow money with the authority of the selectmen, for current expenses. The meeting then adjourned to 1 p. m. on Tuesday, the 20th. Meantime the voting was going on. Friends of license were watching closely, and all day kept teams running to bring in their voters. Friends of temperance were also busy. The majority of 83—the largest for years—proves conclusively that many who voted "yes" last year were satisfied that they made a mistake. The vote was a surprise to most people. Even the clergymen and temperance citizens, who had been quietly at work for weeks, hardly more than hoped for victory. Rev. Thomas O'Keefe spoke last Sunday to the voters in his audience, appealing to their consciences, asking them to look at the matter from a moral standpoint, and to vote according to their sense of right, and there is no doubt that he turned a number of votes from "yes" to "no." The vote was: Yes, 287; no, 370.

The following officers will serve the town the ensuing year: Town clerk, Carlos M. Gage; treasurer, Edward D. Cushman; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Orrin C. McCray, Horace B. Moulton, Herbert M. Smith; assessors, Harrison Howe, Charles C. Keep, William L. Ricketts; school committee for three years, William L. Ricketts, William Sutcliffe; auditors, Charles A. Bradway, Rufus P. Cushman; constables, Eugene S. Howlett, David D. Maney, Hiram D. Osborne, Thomas J. Sault, Joel H. Thompson; tax collector, Ralph Clifford; water commissioner, three years, Carlos M. Gage; cemetery commissioner, Arthur D. Ellis; fence viewers, Lee Blanchard, Henry A. Rindge, A. Haskell White.

The selectmen have organized with O. C. McCray as chairman and H. M. Smith, secretary.

The selectmen will meet next Saturday afternoon in their room in Memorial hall for the approving and paying of bills and the transaction of other town business.

The committee chosen to consider the articles in the warrant relating to raising and appropriating money will meet in the selectmen's room next Monday at 2 p. m., and all persons who are especially interested in these articles are requested to be present to confer with the committee.

Mrs. John Orcutt is visiting friends in Boston.

Henry E Bugbee is taking a vacation on account of ill health.

Dr. Jackson is enlarging his recently purchased Main street house.

Mrs. G. C. Flynt and son Henry are visiting Mrs. Flynt's mother at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Jones of Granville were the guests of Mrs. A F. Johnson over Sunday.

There will be a meeting of Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps next Wednesday evening.

There will be a regular communication of Day Spring lodge of Masons next Tuesday evening.

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FULLER,

The Monson Shoeist.

Dr. Fuller is having a new office built, and the present office will be used as a reception room for patients.

The Monson Grange administered the third and fourth degrees to 14 members on Wednesday evening.

Misses Frost and Simpson will conduct the services in the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening.

Herbert W. Shaw and William E O'Reilly have returned from the Philadelphia Dental College, each with the title of D. D. S.

Thomas Falkner has purchased of the trustees of Flynt Park a building lot on Park Drive, south of his present home.

C. M. Gage is executor of the will of the late Miss Mary E. Pease, and administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Tirzah Pease.

Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church of Palmer will preach in the Congregational church Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor.

The Woman's Relief corps will serve a May supper in Grand Army hall Monday evening, May 3d, followed by an entertainment in Memorial hall.

Dr. Jackson has just purchased a new horse from one of the best stock farms in New England. The animal is a grandson of George Wilkes, and is a good one.

The book of poems, "Random Rime," by N. W. and J. P. Rand, is offered for sale by the Dorcas Society, and copies may be obtained of Miss Mabelle L. Anderson.

There will be a sociable in the Congregational church parlors this evening. Supper will be served by the Dorcas society, and useful and fancy articles will be on sale.

The blessing and distribution of the palms will take place at St. Patrick's church Sunday. There will be morning and evening devotions Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Freelon Q. Ball, who is already located in the office of the late Judge Newton, is closing up the business at the creamery association and will devote all his time to law after the 15th.

At a meeting of the Monson Historical society Wednesday evening, two members were voted in. The society is receiving donations in the way of valuable documents and books.

Mrs. John Cantwell had a stroke of paralysis yesterday at 11 30 a. m. She had been at work as usual during the morning and had not complained of being ill. One side is paralyzed, and she was unconscious yesterday.

The closing sermon in the illustrated series on the parables will be given in the Congregational church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. There will be musical features of special interest in connection with this service.

There will be a concert and ball in Memorial hall on Easter Monday night, for which the Philharmonic Orchestra will furnish music and Ben Chadwick will prompt. Tickets go on sale at Keeney's to-morrow morning.

Miss Webster, who has just finished her duties recataloging the books at the library, left for Boston this week, where she has a similar position. Miss Webster has spent some six months in town, and has made a host of friends.

The *Amateur Sportsman* for April contains a article by Frank G. Nelson, formerly of Monson, entitled "Fishing in Nova Scotia," which is illustrated by pictures taken by L. C. Flynt while on a trip last summer, accompanied by A. D. Norcross.

Grand Lecturer Chauncey E. Peck was present at a special meeting of Day Spring lodge of Masons Tuesday evening. The lodge will have a part in the exemplifying of the work of the order at the gathering to be held in Warren Lexington Day.

Business at the Century Hotel bids fair to be extra good this summer. J. Heimann and family of N. Y. has engaged rooms for May, Artist Peterson and family of Chicago are coming for the summer, and Mrs. W. S. Cheesman and daughter of Denver, Col., are to spend part of the summer at the hotel.

Rev. F. E. Jenkins of Palmer will preach at the Tuesday evening service in the Congregational church next week. The Wednesday service will be in the afternoon at 2 30, and the Saturday service at the same hour. Thursday evening is devoted to the communion service, and Good Friday will be celebrated by a musical service in the auditorium.

The reading by Miss Mary French Field in Academy hall next Wednesday evening promises to be the most brilliant literary and social event of the season. A large delegation from Palmer has procured tickets, and more will wish to attend than the hall will accommodate. It will not be overcrowded, however, and those wishing tickets should procure them immediately. The reading will begin at 8 o'clock.

There will be an all-day session of the Massachusetts Dairy Bureau in Memorial Hall Friday, commencing at 10 a. m. The speakers will be Dr. Peters, chairman of the Massachusetts Cattle Commission, William R. Sessions, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, George M. Whitaker, secretary of the Massachusetts Dairy Bureau. The meeting is under the auspices of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

There will be an entertainment in Memorial Hall Thursday evening, the 22d, by the St. Cecelia Dramatic Company, assisted by Joseph L. Sullivan of Springfield, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The plays to be presented are "The Irish Justice," and "The Day after the Fair." After the entertainment there will be dancing, with music by local talent. The St. Vincent de Paul deserves much credit for the charitable work done this winter. From $200 to $250 has been given to needy persons; more money is wanted.

The seventh annual convention of the Hampden county Christian Endeavor societies will be held with the Congregational church on Monday, the 19th, with this programme:

2 00 p. m. Song Service.
2 10 Words of Welcome and Devotional Exercises. Rev. F. S. Hatch, Monson.
2.25 Business.
2.30 Address.—"Personality in Christian Endeavor Work." Miss Martha E. Race, secretary Florida State Union.
3.00 Address.—"625 B. C.—A Wheel Within a Wheel.—A. D. 1897." Rev. W. E. Bates, Haverhill.
3.30 Junior Exercise, specially arranged for this convention. Miss Nellie G. Jerome, State Junior Superintendent, Worcester.
4.15 Address.—"He Came Where He Was." Rev. William Byron Forbush, Warren.
4.45 Address.—The *Effect* of Missions on the Christian Endeavor. Rev. John L. Maile, New York.
Supper will be served in the chapel of this Church promptly at 6 o'clock. Tickets only 15 cents.

EVENING SESSION.

6.45 Organ Recital.
7.00 Song Service and Devotional Exercise. Rev. William Hart Dexter, Springfield.
7 15 Reports of Committees and Presentation of Banners.
7.30 Address—"Cast the Net on the Right Side." Mr. H. H. Spooner, former President of Illinois State Union.
8.00 Address—"Spiritual Imperialism." Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Worcester.

About the $6 Water Rate.

Editor Journal:—In the discussion at town meeting about our water rates it was said that under the $6 rate, after deducting discount and water expense, the town would realize less than $3 for the water. It was also said that even at the old $8 rate the town was netting considerably less for its water than other towns like Brookfield, Millbury, Orange, Greenfield, etc , on same basis. Now it appears that the quality of the town water is as good if not better than other supplies, while its real value is greater, because it can be used for power. At the same time the town gets only from ⅓ to ½ the amount other sellers of water get, in town and out. When the town has other produce to sell, it expects to get the market price. Why does it not get the same for its water? Why does the town put an usually low price on its water to a few people in the village, when the deficiency must be made up by increased taxation of people all through the town who have no personal interest in the private water supply of those who take it? TAX PAYERS.

Mr. Editor:—In calculating the money results of our water system I have seen no allowance for use of hydrants or water at town buildings, where the town has before paid a rent for water. The reports show that already, in their infancy, the town has received $2463 income from its water works, from individual takers. Now if you will add to this a fair average price for the use of its hydrants, such as is allowed by other towns, it will be found that the water works have paid all cost of their maintenance, all interest paid on the water bonds, the $1000 which is paid in yearly on the cost of the works, and a good stiff profit besides.

JUSTICE.

HOLLAND.

The Holland town meeting was held Monday with the following result: Moderator, F. B. Blodgett; clerk and treasurer, W. L. Webber; selectmen and overseers of the poor, F. B. Blodgett, D. E. Butterworth, B. C. Bennett; assessors, W. L. Webber, A. F. Blodgett, D. E. Butterworth; school committee for three years, Francis Wight; auditor, Henry J. Switzer; constables, A. F. Blodgett, Louis D. Durant; tax collector, Francis Wight. Appropriations—Schools, $150; paupers, 100; highways, 400; bridges, 50; contingent account, 50; total, 750. Liquor license: Yes, 2; no, 12.

LUDLOW.

Franklin Bramble, F. L. Burr and Albert Blodgett have purchased a large wood and lumber lot of Easthampton parties; the price paid was $3500.

The members of the Grange gave Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bennett a surprise party Saturday evening, the occasion being their thirteenth wedding anniversary.

The Ludlow division, 67, Sons of Temperance, has elected the following officers: W. P., John H. Brown; W. A. Georgianna Holden; treasurer, Henry Burke; F. S., Jessie Low; R. S., Mary Burke; A. R. S., May Kyle; chaplain, Rachel Hensley; conductor, John Forest; A. C., Jessie Mitchell; I. S., Robert Elder; O. S., George Elphinstone.

WEST WARREN.

Peter Cote has gone to work at Bondsville.

Dennis Gallivan is selling out his livery teams.

O. A. Parent and son of Bondsville spent Sunday in town.

Miss Eveline McPherson spent Sunday at her home in Worcester.

Mrs. Robert Carey is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Barton, in Millbury.

Miss Alice Gilbert entertained a party of lady friends from Ware on Tuesday.

There will be no service at the M. E. church next Sunday, it being Conference Sunday.

John Downey died at the home of his son William on Tuesday evening of consumption.

The grammar school closed Tuesday afternoon so that teachers and pupils could attend town meeting.

Victor Dufresne's little boy, while playing in the road near the No. 3 mill, was run over by the Wales stage and slightly injured.

BELCHERTOWN.

Dr. C. B King has been appointed town physician.

The Butler family is expected to return about the 10th of April.

The board of assessors has organized with Guy C. Allen as chairman

The Congregational church Sunday school observed its 79th anniversary Sunday with appropriate exercises which were largely attended.

The "Old Folk's Concert" given in the Congregational church Wednesday evening was a complete success. The choruses were well rendered and the solo singing exceptionally good. The costumes were all good representations of "ye olden tymes." The receipts were over $50

Several employes of the shoe shop indulged in a "scrap" on Maple street last Saturday evening, in which a man and his wife came off victorious over two young men who attacked them. No arrests have yet been made, and the affair will probably be settled out of court.

The selectmen have made the following appointments: Fire wardens, H. A. Hopkins, H. R. Gould, M. A. Dickinson, L. W. Dillon; forest fire wardens, Guy C. Allen, Edgar S. Lane, Peter Hannifin, Michael Austin, Jr., Frank E. Bridgman, Charles H. Randall; inspector of cattle, Guy C. Allen; weights and measures, W. A. Snow; lockup and pound keeper, E. A. Farrington; agent for burial of soldiers, W. A. Snow; sextons till April 1st, 1898, H. O. Mellen, Center; H. Mellen, Jr., South Center; Orren Slate, Tylerville; Irving Mills, Ludlow and Belchertown; G. W. Coleman, Holyoke; F. E. Bridgman, Lake Vale; Martin Pease, West Hill; Wesley Goodell, Dwight; M. G Ward, Blue Meadow; special police, Edson A. Farrington.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. Lucella Stacy, 62, of Monson, died of pneumonia at the home of J. L. Chaffee last Friday while on a visit. The funeral was held at the residence of Mr. Chaffee Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the burial taking place in Monson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. W. Stimpson of Northampton have assumed charge of the almshouse in place of Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry, resigned. Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry have had charge for the past seven years, and their administration has given satisfaction to all. They will return to their former home in Southbridge.

Monday was town meeting day, and everything passed off as quietly as usual. The following is the result: Moderator, O. F. Brown; clerk and treasurer, O. F. Brown; selectmen, Moses H. Baker, Arthur Brown, George W. Sherman; overseers of the poor, F. E. Cook, Samuel Adams, John Haley; assessors, George Streeter, Charles C. Brown, Sanford Booth; school committee for three years, James Reed Brown; for one year, O. E. Parker; auditors, G. W. Earle, Edward Bliss; constable, Orrin Hicks; tax collector, Elijah Allen. Appropriations—Town officers, $500; schools 1450; library, the dog fund; text-books, 150; paupers, 1200; highways, 1500; bridges, 300; snow paths, 150; school committee, 50; state aid, 50; interest, 125,; Memorial Day, 50; miscellaneous, 700; total, 6225. Liquor license: Yes, 11; no, 69.

WALES.

The annual town meeting and election of officers was held Monday. These officers were elected and appropriations made: Moderator, W. A. Lyon; clerk, O. P. Royce; treasurer, W. A. Lyon; selectmen and overseers of the poor, O. P. Royce, J. H. Loudon, G. M. Stewart; assessors, O. P. Royce, C. M. Gale, J. H. Walker; tax collector, H. A. McFarland; school committee for three years, Mary A. Converse; auditors, G. S Rogers, W. E. Needham; constables, W. W. Eager, R. H. Hildreth, A. Jones; library trustees for three years, Rev. G. W. Davis; two years, Miss Anna Burley; one year, Miss Mary A. Converse; prosecuting illegal liquor sales, H. E. Shaw. Appropriations—Town, officers, $200; schools, 1200, also dog fund and Massachusetts school fund; library, 100; paupers, 700; highways and bridges, 700; snowpaths, 50; prosecuting illegal liquor sellers, 100; miscellaneous 500; discount on taxes, 125; total, 3675. License: Yes, 54; no, 63. A correspondent writes that "The town meeting passed off with little excitement. In the officers' reports, chairman of Selectmen Burley charged the former chairman of selectmen, O P. Royce, with gross errors and with drawing orders in his own favor in several cases for $10 more than the stubs on the order book showed, which covered up some $40; also of other errors in the same way to the amount of $140, which charges were not denied. Notwithstanding, the voters reinstated Royce in office."

WARE.

William H. Cutler of Chicago is visiting his parents here.

Benjamin Brown has moved into the Clifford house on South street.

William Goodfield has bought the Bonney place in Hardwick for $2500.

Andrew Neville left yesterday for Stulton, Pa., to attend the funeral of his brother.

John Osgood has been appointed superintendent of streets for the ensuing year.

John Lubelcie has bought the house on Water street owned by Fitzgerald Bros. for $1000.

Rev. J. F. Conlon of Holyoke gave a interesting Lenten sermon at All Saints' church Wednesday evening.

The farm houses and live stock of the late Patrick Glaney were sold at public auction Thursday to Joseph Desiorme for $4000.

P. McCanley, a well-known Ware boy, last year catcher on the Washington ball team, has signed with the Brooklyn team.

The marriage of Miss Maude Goodier and Benjamin Bugbee of Southbridge will take place at the home of C. D. Utley next Thursday.

The school committee met Monday evening and organized with Dr. D. M. Ryan chairman, Col. E. H. Gilbert treasurer, and Frederick D. Gilmore secretary.

A team containing Mrs. George H. Coney was backed into by George Campbell's team on Main street last evening, breaking off one wheel. Mrs. Coney escaped without injury.

C. W. Stewart, surveyor for the state highway commissioners, has arrived with a gang of men and commenced surveying for the two miles of state road between this town and Gilbertville.

The plans for the bazar to be held April 21 are being arranged. Mr. Brennan, a humorist, and the Altra club, a ladies' orchestra from Springfield, have been engaged. There will also be a May-pole dance, and a grand finale with old plantation songs by the boys of the Episcopal choir.

F. M. Carroll of Boston University has been notified that the regular academic degree of A. B. of the university will be conferred on him at the close of this school year for having completed the four-years' course in three. Mr. Carroll will enter the Boston University law school next fall.

A. E. Perkins, who has been in charge of the American Express Company's office for about two years and a half, has been appointed agent in the company's office at Westfield, left Monday morning to take his new position. Mr. Perkins was prominent in the Methodist church and well known in town. He will be greatly missed by the patrons of the office, as he was always an agreeable and courteous official.

WARREN.

Mrs. William Hening has removed to Mr. Foskit's house on Elm street.

Arthur Libby of Holyoke spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Guilbert.

Miss Madelaine and Master Stanley Moore are guests of Mrs. J. W. Chadsey.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Edgar Butterworth on Maple street this afternoon.

The Woman's Board of Missions met with Miss Arnold on East Main street Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Social Union held its meeting with Mrs. Converse on Main street Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Theodore Fischer received a hearty welcome from his parishioners and friends last Sabbath.

Miss H. L. Porter showed a very pleasing variety of headgear at her opening Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman are in Hartford, where Mr. Freeman has taken a position in a clothier's establishment.

Mrs. D. G. Hitchcock entertained a party of friends Tuesday afternoon in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Keep.

The temperance meeting at the town hall Sunday evening was well attended. There were addresses by the local clergymen.

Mrs. F. E. Delnee and Miss Delnee returned Saturday from Brooklyn, N. Y., where they have been spending a few weeks.

W. L. Belknap of Bridgeport has moved his family to town, occupying the vacant apartment in Mr. Hill's house, corner of East and Pleasant streets.

The recital of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," by Mrs. Hannibal Williams to-night at the town hall, is looked forward to with much anticipation.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Mattie M. Tisdale and Mr. Frank P. Stearns, which will occur at the home of the bride's father, William Tisdale, on Curtis avenue the 19th of April at 7 o'clock p. m.

The funeral services of Mrs. John Avery were held at St. Paul's church Monday morning. Mrs. Avery died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston last Friday. Her death was a shock to many relatives and friends.

The funeral of Mrs. Emmeline Hamblett was attended from the home of her son, Charles Hamblett, on High street, Sunday afternoon. A loving mother, a loyal friend and neighbor, and a consistent church woman, her loss is deeply felt by a large circle of relatives and friends.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs B. F. Tourtelotte; vice president, Mrs. H. B. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Clark; treasurer, Mrs. P. T. Martin; managers, Mrs. B. F. Dillaber, Mrs. Henry Green, Mrs. E. F. Nye.

The annual town meeting on Monday went off quietly. There was but one ticket in the field for town officers, which of course went through. The appropriations were reduced about $12,000. The following is a summary of the meeting: Moderator, Charles H. Walker; clerk and treasurer, Charles B. Blair; selectman for three years, Wilson H. Fairbank; overseer of the poor for three years, Samuel N. Cutler; assessor for three years, Frank E. Gleason; school committee for three years, Frank E. Gleason, James C. Grant, Charles O. Walker; auditors, Edgar J. Buck, Harvey S. Ellis, John W. Tyler; constables, Horace P. Cole, Walter A. Putnam, John W. Quinlan, Hosea B. Smith, Clarence L. Thompson; cemetery commissioner for three years, Joseph G. Hastings; collector of taxes, Emory C. Sawyer. Appropriations—Town officers, $1400; schools, 13,520; library, 400 and the dog fund; text-books, 1050; paupers, 2200; highways, 2000; sidewalks, repairs, 100; fire department, 1500; street lights, 2500; insurance, 700; interest, 1600; contingent account, 1300; miscellaneous, 2545; total, 30,815. Liquor license: Yes, 151; no, 283.

HAMPDEN.

The body of Cordelia Stebbins, who died in Springfield last Saturday, was brought here Tuesday and interred by the side of her husband, Solomon West, who died twenty-four years ago.

Miss Etta Beebe, who has taught the primary school in district No. 1 so acceptably for two years past, is advised by her physician to take a vacation, and Miss Sarah Walker takes her place.

Joel West of Burlington, Pa., who recently died at Los Angeles, Cal., where he had gone in the hope of recovering his health, was a native of this town (then So. Wilbraham) He was the youngest son of Stephen West, the tanner, and in the early '60's learned his trade in the American machine works of Springfield; he then went West and was for 35 years in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, and for many years master mechanic of its Iowa division. He leaves a widow, one brother, John West of Springfield, and a sister, Lucinda, widow of David Pease, formerly of Monson but now of Springfield.

FIFTY YEARS MARRIED.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. West Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. West were "at home" to their friends Wednesday afternoon and evening, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. It was a happy day for the venerable couple. Many of their townspeople were present during the afternoon and evening, joining with them in a fitting celebration of this important event, and leaving behind many tokens of respect as reminders of the occasion. Friends were present from Thompsonville, Rockville, Enfield, Suffield, Somers, Ct , East Braintree, Springfield and Monson. Many others who were unable to attend sent letters of congratulation. Of the five children born to them, two only are living, and they, John W. West and family of East Braintree, and Mrs. Oscar Jones, husband and son, of Suffield, were present.

Mr. and Mrs. West are both natives of Hampden, the former being born here Feb. 24th, 1819, the latter Jan. 19, 1830, when it was a part of Wilbraham, and have always made their home here. Mr. West being a contractor and builder, has worked in many places, and many buildings testify to his honesty and thoroughness as a workman. He learned his trade in Springfield, walking to that town when 16 years of age, with all his worldly possessions in his hand. He has followed the trade ever since until compelled by age and failing eyesight to give it up. For the past two years he has been entirely blind. Mr. and Mrs. West were married at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. Mr Hazen, two couples accompanying them. Of that party of six all are living, and five of them,—Alanson N. Chaffee of Springfield, the wife of Dr. Leonard of Rockville, and Mrs. William Johnson of this town, were present at the golden wedding, a very rare occurrence. The sixth, an aged man living in Ohio, was unable to be present. The bride's bonnet and shawl worn on that occasion were shown, well preserved. In the evening Rev. N D. Parsons made a felicitous speech, as also did Dea. A. B. Newell. After singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," the company dispersed with many kind wishes.

The annual town meeting was held Monday. The following officers were elected and appropriations made: Moderator, William R. Sessions; clerk and treasurer, John Q. Adams; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Sumner Smith, Nelson M. Carew, Mortimer Pease; assessor, Coleman M Walker; school committee, Moses H. Warren; auditor, Clark Goodwill; constables, William S. Hunt, Edward P. Lyons, Nelson V. Chaffee; trustee of library, John M. Isham. Appropriations—Schools, $1300; library, $50; paupers, $600; highways and bridges, $800; books and supplies, $125; permanent repairs, $50; school superintendent, $100; discount on taxes, $100; dog fund, half for school and half for library, 142; interest, $50; contingent fund, $700. Liquor license: Yes, 58; no, 46.

WILBRAHAM.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Rice Celebrate Their 50 Years of Married Life.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Colton Rice, who were married at Chicopee April 7, 1847, by Rev. Sumner G. Clapp, then pastor of the Second Congregational church, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday afternoon and evening by an informal reception at the Congregational church. Their early married life was spent in Chicopee, Springfield and Northampton. In 1861 Mr. Rice returned to Wilbraham, his native town, where they have since resided. Mr. Rice was born in Wilbraham, June 12, 1816, and is the son of Nathan and Mary Bliss Rice. His mother, also a native of this town, died at the advanced age of 101 years, 9 months and 27 days. Mr. Rice has been sexton for more than thirty years of his life in churches in this town and one in Chicopee. Mrs. Rice, nee Miss Eliza Bellows, was born at South Hadley Falls, July 12, 1822, and is the daughter of Jesse and Betsey Smith Bellows Both Mr. and Mrs. Rice enjoy excellent health, walking over a mile to church and evening entertainments in the village. They have been for many years members of the First Congregational church, where for several years both sang in the choir, are charter members of Wilbraham Grange P. of H , and are active and energetic workers in both organizations. Hosts of friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Rice, and among the tokens of esteem left were over one hundred dollars, some of it in gold A collation was served, among the table decorations being roses sent by George H. Davis of Medford, a nephew. Rev. M. S. Howard of the First Congregational church, and Rev. W. R. Newhall, principal of Wesleyan Academy, voiced the congratulations of the company in well-chosen and heartfelt words. Among the guests present from out of town were Mrs. Nancy M. Tupper of Haverhill, sister of Mrs. Rice, Mrs. George K. Davis of Medford and Mrs. Henry L. Willard of Hyde Park, nieces of Mrs Rice; Mrs. E. M. Folsom of Springfield, sister of Mrs. Rice; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Bellows of Holyoke, nephew of Mrs. Rice; Mrs. Joseph Gillett of New York, Mrs. David Havens of Warren, and Mrs. F. Edwards of Springfield. Letters of felicitation and of regret were received from Rev. William Rice of Springfield, cousin of Mrs. Rice; Mrs. Albert Holt and Phineas Knowlton of Springfield; Miss Carrie Otis of Boston, Warren S. Bellows of Providence, Mrs. Fred Warren of Chicago, and many others, who, while unable to be present, joined in wishing the happy couple a prosperous and peaceful journey hand in hand down the golden sunset path to the "home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Through winter's cold and summer's heat,
Through snows and fogs and dust and showers,
To call us to the house of prayer,
Have toiled these faithful friends of ours.

For many a bride in other days
They've rung the merry wedding bell,
And for our dead, who sweetly sleep,
They've tolled the solemn funeral knell.

And now, to-day. let others ring
For them a golden wedding peal;
And let it ring both long and loud
To cheer their hearts, so true and leal.

And as together, towards life's close,
They walk a happy sunset way,
May golden rays of God's own peace
Stream toward the diamond wedding day.

The spring term of the Academy opened Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph A. Gillett of New York is the guest of Miss Harriet Bliss.

B. F. Nye of Highgate, Vt , was in town this week, the guest of H. M Bliss.

Miss M. Seavey of the Boston Latin school has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. James Merrick.

Mrs. Jerome Pease is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hibbard.

Miss Florence M. Green has returned from Springfield, where she has been spending the week.

Miss Sena J. Webber of Brimfield has been spending the past two weeks with her brother, Dr H. G Webber.

Rea Webber, son of Dr. H. G. Webber, recently celebrated his seventh birthday by entertaining a party of twenty-five of his little playmates and friends.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Howard was the victim of a surprise party Tuesday evening at the home of her friend, Mrs. Lurin J. Potter, where she was at that time a guest

Worshipful Grand Lecturer Chauncey E. Peck paid an official visit to Newton Lodge, F. and A. M., at the regular meeting Wednesday evening. Mr. Peck will be out of town for the next week on a tour of inspection of several of the lodges of Western Massachusetts.

The late Miss Chloe Bliss Stebbins has left $100 for the benefit of the town library, $100 for the benefit of the poor, and $100 for the care of the graves of herself and her sister

Dea. William V. Sessions, who is in his 96th year, is in failing health and not expected to live long His son, William R. Sessions, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and wife, have been spending a few days at home.

The annual town meeting was held at Grace Chapel Monday. Appropriations to the amount of $8675 were made. The following is a summary of the meeting: Moderator, F. E. Clark; clerk and treasurer, C. E Stacy; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Jason Butler, F. W. Green, Henry Clark; assessors, C. P. Bolles, J. H. Farr, F. A. Guerney; school committee for three years, E. Bliss; auditor, F. E. Clark; constables, E. C Clark, F. H. Farr, David Ogilvie, C. G. Robbins, F. R. Rindge; tax collector, William Green; town loan committee, J. M. Perry; library committee for three years, F. A. Guerney. Appropriations—Schools, $3300; transportation of pupils, 25; library, 175; paupers, 1000; highways and bridges, 1900; street lights, 200; tuition at Wesleyan academy, 500; care of cemetery, 125; care of town clock, 25; total, 7250. Liquor license; Yes, 50; no, 108.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

Your Boy Wont Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill street, South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctor. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy wont live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial bottles free of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware.

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook. N, Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware

FROM A NEARBY CITY.

What Happened in Springfield Is Bound to Happen in Palmer.

Readers of the Springfield *Union* and of the Springfield *News* are familiar with it. At first it created considerable excitement and the residents were anxious and curious to know "who would be next." Week after week went by and the good people of Springfield ceased to wonder and settled down to the fact that what their neighbors said must be true. What was successful in Springfield must be successful in Palmer. The publication of local testimony in Springfield about the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills has placed that remedy on the apex of the pyramid. Ask any citizen of Springfield what will cure backache? The answer invariably is Doan's Kidney Pills. The testimony of Mr. F. J. Burk, a street car conductor living at No. 5 Carew street has caused to help the "good thing" along. Palmer people are asked to read it. He says:—"I have had frequent attacks of lame back and backache of the kind there is no let up to. This brought on a trouble-some urinary disorder—too frequent and too copious. I doctored and wore plasters and did everything suggested. Finally I heard what Doan's Kidney Pills were doing here in Springfield, and resolved to try them. I got them and took them as directed. I never knew anything to act so perfectly on the organs as they did. My backache ceased, the lameness disappeared and the urinary trouble was corrected. I give Doan's Kidney Pills all the credit of it and I will endorse them every time."

Just such evidence as this can be found right here in Palmer. Call at the drug store of LeGro & Lynde, who always keep Doan's Kidney Pills in stock, ask them what their customers report to them.

For sale by all dealers,—price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name DOAN'S and take no substitute.

Public Notice.

We are authorized to pay back the money on a 50c and 25c bottle of "Ilustena," the new discovery for consumption, if it does not cure your cough and prove the best medicine used for severe coughs, lung troubles and asthma. Is also a splendid medicine for children.

LeGro & Lynde,
O. P. Allen.

W. E. Stone, No. Wilbraham; A. W. Peirson, Brimfield; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. M. Royce, Wales; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; C. H. Murdock, Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; C. L. Holden, Bondsville; Charles H. Snow, Belchertown; Gurney & Spaulding, Wilbraham.

From Sire to Son.

As a Family Medicine, Bacon's Celery King for the Nervous, passes from sire to son as a legacy. If you have Kidney, Liver or blood disorder, Constipation, Headache, Rheumatism, etc., this specific will cure you. LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; Shaw Bros., Three Rivers; J. F. Loftus, Thorndike; Brown Bros., Bondsville; are sole agents and are distributing samples free. Large packages 50c and 25c

One Way to be Happy

Is to attend to the comforts of your family. Should one of them catch a Cold or Cough, call on LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; Shaw Bros., Three Rivers; J. F. Loftus, Thorndike; Brown Bros., Bondsville, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy, Free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure Cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Consumption and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c and 25c.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

ABSOLUTELY PURE.

Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall Street, New York.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that M. J. Dawson and Charles McManamy, co-partners, under the name and style of M. J. Dawson & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Innholders of the 1st and 4th classes, in the Weeks House, so-called, situate on the westerly side of South Main street, in the Depot Village of said Palmer.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Sherman M. Stebbins and Albert King, co-partners, under the name and style of S. M. Stebbins & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Innholders of the 1st and 4th classes, at the Nassowanno Hotel, situate on corner of Main and Walnut streets, in the Depot Village of said Palmer, with entrances as follows: Main entrance from Main street, and side entrance from Walnut street, room on ground floor with entrance from Walnut street, and room adjoining used for storage, and all of the building above the first floor being the same portions heretofore used for a saloon and hotel.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that John Murphy and William A. Fitzpatrick, co-partners, under the name and style of Murphy & Fitzpatrick, have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Innholders of the 1st and 4th classes, in the Nassowanno Hotel, so-called, situate at the corner of Main and Walnut streets, in the Depot Village of said Palmer, the bar to be located in room, the entrance to which is numbered 3, on said Walnut street, the cellar in rear of said room to be used for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that E. R. Pierce has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as an Innholder of the 1st and 4th classes, at the Converse House, so-called, situate at corner of Main and Walnut streets, in the Depot Village. the basement of said building with entrance from Walnut street to be used for bar room and storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Lucian W. Caryl and Fred H. Caryl, co-partners, under the name and style of L. W. Caryl & Co , have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Common Victualers of the 1st and 4th classes, in the three connecting rooms comprising the basement of Caryl's Block, so-called. situate at the corner of Main and Commercial streets, in the Depot Village, said rooms being entered from the southeasterly side of Commercial street, the cellar under said basement to be used for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that John Riley has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Common Victualer of the 1st and 4th classes, on the first floor of the frame building occupied by him, situate on the easterly side of Commercial street, in the village of Thorndike, in Palmer, Mass.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that E. W. Burns and J. B. Daily, co-partners, under the name and style of E. W. Burns & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Innholders of the 1st and 4th classes, in the Thorndike Hotel, so-called, situate on the east side of Commercial street, in the village of Thorndike, in said Palmer, the bar to be located in the room on the first floor, entrance to which is on the westerly side of said building, the cellar under said room to be used for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Michael Roche has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a Common Victualer of the 1st and 4th classes, in the ell of the dwelling house occupied by him on Commercial street, in the village of Thorndike, in said Palmer, in two rooms on the ground floor and the cellar underneath said rooms.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that D. J. Shiel has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as an Innholder of the 1st and 4th classes, in the building situate on the westerly side of Commercial street, in Thorndike, nearly opposite the Murdock Block, and same now occupied as a millinery store, in all of ground floor.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Timothy J. Clifford has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as an Innholder of the 1st and 4th classes, at the Clinton House, so-called, situate on the easterly side of Commercial street, in Thorndike Village, the bar to be located in the room in the southwesterly corner of the basement, the room at the rear of said bar room and the cellar under the rear part of said building to be occupied for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Thomas J. Fogarty and Mary L. Hanley, co-partners, under the name and style of T. J. Fogarty & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Innholders of the 1st and 4th classes, in the Riverside Hotel, so called, situate on the northerly side of Main street, between the frame building owned by one Rogers, on the east, and frame building owned by O. A. LaRiviere on the west, in the village of Three Rivers, in Palmer, the bar to be located on the first floor, with entrance from the west side of said hotel, the cellar under said room to be used for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that John F. Hartnett and Daniel J. Hartnett, co-partners, under the name and style of J. F Hartnett & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Common Victualers of the 1st and 4th classes in the front room on the first floor of frame building, situate on the southerly side of Main street, between the grain store of one Fillmore on the west and dwelling house of J. F. Hartnett on the east, in the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, the back room in said building and cellar under building to be used for storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public States that Maurice Moriarty has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a Common Victualer of the 1st and 4th classes, in his one-story frame building, situate on Prospect street in Bondsville, in said Palmer, just northerly from his dwelling, in the room comprising the first floor of said building, the basement to be used for the storage of liquors.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Michael D. Sullivan and Mary Sullivan, co-partners, under the name and style of M. D Sullivan & Co., have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as Common Victualers of the 1st and 4th classes, at the building owned by John McKelligot, on High street, in Bondsville, first floor and cellar of said building.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectman.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that O. P. Allen has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a Druggist of the sixth class, at his drug store, situate in the westerly corner of Holden's Block, in the village of Palmer.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that LeGro & Lynde have applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a Druggist of the sixth class, at their drug store, situate in the Nassowanno House, Main street, in the village of Palmer.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Amasa P. Adams has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a Druggist of the sixth class, at his drug store, situate on Commercial street, in village of Thorndike, in Palmer.
JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman of Selectmon.

Violin and Piano Lessons

GIVEN BY

JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

Forbes & Wallace's,

SPRINGFIELD.

The New Dress for Easter!

If it is not on its way to the dressmaker's, high time that it was. All Springfield looks here for its dress goods, and we do not disappoint.

We have

Fifty sorts at 25c.
Two hundred at 27 1-2c.
Hundred and fifty at 50c.
Hundred and fifty at 75c.
One hundred at $1.
Fifty at $1.50.
Twenty-five at $2.

And fine imported French Dress Patterns, exclusive things, $10, 12.50, 15, 18, etc.

Easter Hat or Bonnet. Nearly one thousand fine creations ripe for wear, on the stands, all ready for picking this morning. Think of it—such a choice! Pay as much as you will—$2.50, 5, 7.50, 10, 12.50, 15, 20, 25, 30.

Children's Hats. Our milliners' best efforts have been at work in creating children's fashionable millinery this season. The results were never so happy. Two hundred fashionable pretty things are ready —$1.25 to $7.50.

Dress Skirts. 1000 of them —$1.85 to 45. Some astonishing bargains ready for to-day.

One hundred skirts of mixed Novelty Suitings (material worth 50c a yard) in

green and white,
black and white,
blue and white,
brown and white,
red and white

combinations, lined all through, with Velveteen Facings, at $3.95 —every skirt worth a five-dollar bill.

Black Brocaded Silk Skirts, lined throughout, Velveteen faced, rich skirts—$4.05 worth $6

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Main, Vernon and Pynchon streets, Springfield, Mass.

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FLOUR:

Washburn's Superlative, $5.

White Loaf, the best St. Louis Milled, $5.

New Maple Syrup in gallon jug, 87c.

New Maple Sugar, 15c lb.

Chase & Sanborn's Coffees and Teas always on hand. There are none better.

Remember that Dinner Set for $7.87.

E. B. Taylor, Palmer.

TOWN OF PALMER.
FIRE DISTRICT MEETING.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—HAMPDEN, SS.

To the qualified voters of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Court Room of the District Court of Eastern Hampden in said Palmer on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART 2. To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor, Board of Engineers, and all other officers and committees that may be necessary for the ensuing year, and give them instructions.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Board of Engineers, and all other committees, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Fire Department and annual rental of the Palmer Water Company.

ART. 5. To see what action the District will take towards paying the Board of Engineers, Firemen and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary.

ART. 6. To see if the District will authorize the Collector to add interest to taxes paid after Sept. 1st of the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the District will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Given under my hand this second day of April, 1897.

F. H. BARTON,
Clerk of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Newton S. Hubbard, late of Brimfield, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Mary W. Drues of Brimfield, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the fifth day of May, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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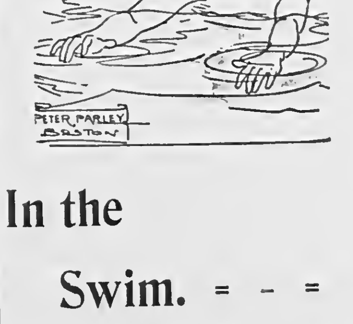

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"The linens, are they here?"
"Just three rooms over to the right,
And straight back in the rear."
At last she reached the point proposed,
"The linens?"—like a crash
The answer came, "Across the store,
Then six rooms over—Cash"
Again she jostled through the crowd
And faintly asked the clerk:
"The linens, please?" "Upstairs," he said,
With a tantalizing smirk,
She reached the top quite out of breath;
"The linen, sir?" she said.
"In the annex building, five floors up,
And then walk straight ahead."
Accomplishing the long ascent,
Her temper sorely tried,
She sharply asked the man in charge,
With wrath she could not hide:
"Will you tell me where the linens are,
Or if they're in the store?"
"We used to keep them ma'am, he smiled,
"But do not any more."

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS.

ON A POSTER BLUE.

Said a Beardsley boy to a Bradley girl
Whom he met on a poster blue:
"I haven't an idea who I am,
And who in the dence are you?"
Said the Bradley girl to the Beardsley boy.
"I'll tell you what I think;
I came into being one night last week
When a cat tipped over the ink."
—*Robert B. Peattie in the Clack Book.*

Not to be Thought of.—"Tommy, do you ever play hookey?" "No'm; I can't." "Why can't you?" "Teacher boards at our house."—*Chicago Record.*

"Why is a naughty schoolboy like a typewriter?" "Um! I suppose because you've got to thump him to make him spell."—*Philadelphia North American.*

"Did your mother whip you on your return?" asked the teacher. "Well," answered the little boy who had been sent home, "she whipped me, but it wasn't exactly there."

Mr. Cole—"Dey says de world am cumin' to an end dis year, Miss Sniff." Miss Sniff—"Dey don't know anyfing 'bout it. How can de world hab an nd when it's round?" *Detroit Free Press.*

"What on earth is ever to become of you, Wallie?" cried the boy's father, wrathfully. "You are never satisfied with anything." "Oh—I guess I'll be a mugwump," said Wallie.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Mrs. Cohn—"Ikey, who is dat in the frond room mit papa?" Ikey—"A divinity student vas looking for a furnished room." Mrs. Cohn—"Ikey, go oud py der hall undt vissle a hymn."—*Judge.*

"I wonder if the little Eskimo boys have any out-of-door games like ours?" said Polly. "Oh, I guess so," replied Jennie. "They have polo bears up there, you know." —*Harper's Round Table.*

Spratts—"Miss Elder is much older than I thought." Hunker—"Impossible." Spratts—"Well, I asked her if she had read Aesop's Fables, and she said she read them when they first came out."—*Tit-Bits.*

Tuttle—"The professor finds it impossible to get away from his work." Newton—"Is that so?" Tuttle—"Yes, he went to the seashore and the first thing he struck was a school of fish."—*Texas Sifter.*

"I had a couple of minutes to spare," said Mr. Ternal Bore to Mr. Bizzy Day, "so I thought I'd drop in on you." "Good enough," replied Mr. Day, effusively. "Sit right down and tell me all you know."—*Puck.*

"That young Burns, who writes verses for the paper, is rather clever, but he's merely an imitator." "Do you know, I've often suspected that? If anybody yawns in his presence he always yawns, too."—*Chicago Tribune.*

As the hot, passionate words fell from his lips she colored deeply. It was, however, only a coincidence that she was constructing her face at the mirror at the moment he was hunting for his collar button.—*Detroit Tribune.*

"Gracious!" exclaimed the summer boarder, "what is that tower with the great wheel on top of it?" "That there is a windmill," the farmer explained. "Really? About how much wind will it turn out in a day?"—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Bobbie had been studying his dear old grandfather's wrinkled face for a long time. "Well, Bob," said the old gentleman, "do you like my face?" "Yes, grandpa," said Bobbie.—"It's an awfully nice face. But who don't you have it ironed?"—*Trifles.*

The miserly old millionaire, as wicked as he was stingy, had yielded up the spirit and gone to his reward. "Well," remarked one, "I suppose he didn't take any of his wealth with him." "No," was the reply, "I never heard that he had money to burn."—*Town Topics.*

Charlie—"What did you see at the theatre, last evening? Willie—"Same as night before". Charlie—"Why, I thought there was a change of programme every evening." Willie—"No; the woman I sat behind wore the same hat both nights."—*Kentucky Colonel.*

"What is your line of business?" whispered the editor to a man he was about to introduce to northern capitalists. "I hauls furniture," huskily came the reply. "Here, gentlemen," continued the editor, "is Mr. Jones, one of the moving spirits of our city." —*Atlanta Constitution.*

Priscilla—"Jack is the oddest fellow. He took me driving yesterday, and when we were seven miles from home he said if I wouldn't promise to marry him he'd make me get out and walk back." Penelope—"Did you walk back?" Priscilla—"No, indeed; but the horse did!"—*Truth.*

With an awful crash the ship collapsed and sank, and the maiden was left struggling alone in the seething, angry ocean. "Ah," she observed, "this will never do. I must look for something to stick my gum to." With which she struck out for some bare, volcanic islets which she descried in the distance.—*Detroit Tribune.*

"I suppose you'll hardly believe it," said the colonel, who is writing the libretto of a comic opera, "but I began work right after dinner last night and worked hard till 3 o'clock this morning on eight lines—just eight lines." "That's nothing," calmly remarked the major. "A friend of mine has been working for the last six years on one sentence."—*Chicago Times Herald.*

"Charley," said young Mrs. Tooker, "you know I always try to keep posted so that I can talk with you intelligently." "Yes." "Well. I've been reading about horse races." "You don't say so!" "Yes. And I want to ask you one question: Do they pick out a short horse by measuring him from his feet upward as they measure a man or do they measure him horizontally?"—*Washington Star.*

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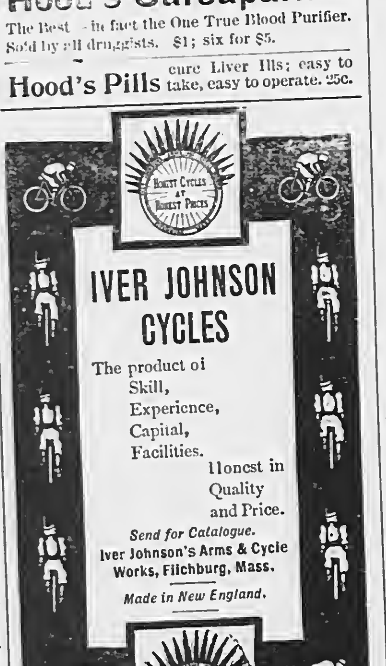

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A food experiment is being tried at the Elmira reformatory in New York state. All civilized nations hold some inducements to the criminals in confinement to sooner secure their release from legal restraint. A certain amount of time is always taken off for good behavior. The criminal has often been exhorted to this end by father, mother sister, brother and by others who had his interest at heart. His manhood, his future, his ambition and his hope of quick release from confinement have been appealed to and in many cases in vain. Now it is to the man's stomach that the appeal is to be made.

The proposed experiment contemplates, says the Medical Review, a somewhat enlarged scale of dietary privileges, increasing from grade to grade, from the lowest to the highest; so that within due and proper limit of indulgence of the appetite by prisoners in a prison reformatory for crime they can out of their own accumlations have the privildege to select meals at their pleasure provided always that they keep their expenditure within the limits of the reformatory. The prisoners, under the wage-earning system of the reformatory, as it is at present, must earn their living and keep a credit balance to their accounts, respectively in order to progress toward their release by parole. A prisoner to maintain a credit balance must need restrain, regulate and exert himself in a manner which accomplishes and shows his improvement; but hitherto the diet rate has been inflexible. It is believed that if more latitude is allowed and the prisoner has a change of tickling his palate occasionally with mince pie, a juicy roast or other home-like dainties, he will be more likely to make an extra effort to reform. In other words, if he has an inviting menu to choose from for breakfast, dinner and supper he will get up and be a man.—*Scientific American.*

GEORGE'S SWEET GOOD-BY.

"Good-by, sweetheart!"

He had said it so many times that the repetition of the words sounded like a farce, but now they had by a slow and circuitous route reached the vestibule, and there really seemed to be no reason why the young man should not go at once.

But here "sweetheart" took the matter in hand.

"George, dear, did you ever hear that there's luck in odd numbers?"

The young man looked a little puzzled. He was evidently obtuse when he should be quick-witted. The young woman came to the rescue.

"You kissed me twelve times," she said reproachfully.

George did not need any more prompting. He at once responded to the call for an odd number.

He had his hand on the front door when he heard a low, deep sigh.

"George," the words had a sorrowful tone, "did you ever hear that thirteen was an unlucky number?"

George had just made the number even again when a gruff voice sounded from the landing above.

"That'll do, George; leave some for to-morrow night."

A medical man tells how an old negro woman called him in to treat a little child.

"Doctah," she said, "de child hab swallered a pint ob ink."

"Have you done anything to relieve him?" asked the doctor.

"Yes," replied the mother, "I'se made him eat free sheets of blotting paper, doctah. Was dat right?"—*Chicago Record.*

GENERAL JACKSON FINED $1000.

An interesting event in the military life of Andrew Jackson, to which the historians have given little attention, occurred eighty-two years ago to-day at New Orleans. 'Old Hickory' in this instance came in contact with civil authority, and, for perhaps the only time in his experience paid a fine in court.

A treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain, bringing to a close what is known as the "war of 1812," was signed at Ghent on December 21, 1814, but the news did not reach this country until the 11th of the following February.

In the mean time the battle of New Orleans had been fought and won by the American troops under Jackson on January 8, and the general kept things on a war footing for two months afterward, not receiving official notice of the declaration of peace until March 8.

Jackson was the "idol of the hour" with the people of the Crescent City, but there was in Louisiana legislature a faction personally opposed to him, so powerful that when, on February 5, the officers and troops who had defeated the British were formally thanked by that body, the name of their commander was omitted. The general took no notice of the slight, but when, shortly afterwards, a seditious publication calculated to produce disaffection in the army was put forth by a member of the legislature he ordered the arrest of the author and his trial by martial law.

Judge Dominic A. Hall of the United States supreme court issued a writ of habeas corpus in favor of the arrested man, whereupon Jackson, considering this action a violation of martial law, ordered the arrest of the judge and his expulsion beyond the limits of the city.

The judge bided his time, and when, on March 13, military law was revoked in consequence of the official proclamation of peace, he summoned the general before him to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court.

The "Hero of New Orleans" obeyed the summons with alacrity, and, putting on citizen's clothes, went to the old Spanish-built court house in Royal street, which was crowded with people anticipating a sensation. He strode up to the bar amid tremendous applause and laconically announced his presence. The judge was perceptibly alarmed by the demonstrations of the spectators, and hesitated, whereupon General Jackson mounted a bench, procured silence and then, turning to the terrified justice said:

"There is no danger here—there shall be none! The same hand that protected this city from outrage against the invaders of the country will shield and protect this court or perish in the effort. Proceed with your sentence!"

Thus reassured, the judge declared Jackson guilty of contempt and fined him $1000—a proceeding that was soundly hissed by the people in the court room.

The general immediately filled up a check for the amount, handed it to the marshal, bowed to the court and started to go out. But he was seized by his admirers, hoisted upon their shoulders and borne in triumph to the street, which was packed with cheering men. The old soldier was placed in a carriage which was drawn by as many people as could get hold of the ropes attached to it, to Maspero's house, where he made a speech, urging his bearers to show their appreciation of the blessings of liberty and free government by willing submission to the authorities of the country.

As soon as the news spread that the general had been fined $1000, a subscription was started and the sum was quickly raised and placed to his credit in the bank. But he refused to accept it and begged his friends to distribute it among the families of the soldiers who had been killed in the late battles.

In 1843, nearly thirty years afterward, congress refunded to Jackson the amount of his fine, with interest, in all about $2700.

THE EYESIGHT.

Nearsightedness and farsightedness are at present two of the most common eye troubles. Astigmatism is another. Nearsightedness, or myopbia, is a trouble for which civilization is largely responsible. Our children are kept at work too long at one sitting.

Farsightedness, or hyperopia, is the natural condition of the human eye.

Here are a few rules for the preservation of the eyesight, formulated some years ago in a lecture delivered before the Franklin institute:

"Avoid sudden changes from dark to brilliant light.

"Avoid the use of stimulants and drugs which effect the nervous system.

"Avoid reading when lying down or when mentally and physically exhausted.

"When the eyes feel tired, rest them by looking at objects at a long distance.

"Pay special attention to the hygiene of the body, for that which tends to promote the general health acts beneficially upon the eye.

"Up to 40 years of age bathe the eyes twice daily with cold water.

"After 50, bathe the eyes morning and evening with water so hot that you wonder how you stand it. Follow this with cold water. That will make them glow with warmth.

Old persons should avoid reading much by artificial light, be guarded as to diet and avoid sitting up late at night.

"Do not depend on your own judgment in selecting spectacles.

"Do not give up in despair when you are informed that a cataract is developing. Remember that in these days of advancing surgery it can be removed with little danger to the vision."

Other sources of eye strain, according to other specialists, are: Reading in jostling street cars and railroad trains, working without rest on books and figures day in and out until the eyes break down, badly lighted counting rooms and offices, failure to carry the head erect when walking, tight collars, corsets, and shoes—which cause a damming of the blood in the vessels of the head and eyes—and many kindred sources, which cause much injury to the eyes if persisted in, and "many a frown would be saved to man and many a wrinkle to women" by having them corrected.

WINTER IN THE COUNTRY.

"This is good, old-fashioned winter weather," said one of the shivering men in the cable car. "This is when I'd like to be out in the country.

"Would, eh?" asked his companion.

"Yes, it must be great to sit by a warm fire and look out across the snowy fields."

"Oh, it's great. Did you ever hitch up a team of horses with the thermometer at zero, and you had to take your gloves off?"

"No. I never did.

"Did you ever try to milk a cow that was cold and fretful and didn't like to be handled?"

"No."

"Did you ever dig a woodpile out of a snowbank and find all the sticks covered with ice? I guess you didn't. Did you ever get up at 5 o'clock to build a fire out of brown paper and hickory knots? Oh, and say! Did you ever sneak upstairs and go to bed in a room colder'n Greenland's icy mountain, have to crawl between two sheets that put goose pimples all over you, that made your teeth rattle? Then, of course, it's a good deal of fun to shovel a path to the barn. Pump frozen up and you pour 10 gallons of hot water into it. No use. You have to drink melted snow. Don't see neighbors once a week. Have to sit around the house and read 'Lives of the Presidents,' 'Family Cook Book,' something like that. You can have all the country you want at this time of the year. I'll stick to my little hotel room, with the steam heater in the corner."—*Chicago Record.*

Easy All.

"Easy all!" rings out the order,
And the muscles cease to strain,
And the swing of oars in rowlocks
Stops its rhythmical refrain,
And the sinking heart beats freely,
And the spent breath comes again.

"Easy all!" Oh, joyous mandate,
To the strugglers on Life's flood,
Be it but a passing respite,
For the brain, and strength, and blood,
Though far distant be the guerdon,
Fame, or wealth, or livelihood!

When the summer sunshine brightens
Grimy street and sullen wall,
From the strips of azure heaven
Seems to come the kindly call:
"Rest awhile, ye weary toilers,
Drop your oars, and easy all!"
—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

TRAINING FOR HEALTH.

Every man who hopes for success in athletic contests requiring steady nerves, skill and muscular power, enters upon a course of hygienic living and systematic exercise, which he designates as "training" This training includes prescribed hours for rising, eating, exercising and retiring, strict attention to the quality and digestibility of all food eaten, and a bath followed by a brisk rubbing and change of clothing after exercise. Of suitable food the athlete is allowed to eat as much as his appetite calls for. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Under such a course of training, properly prescribed and carried out, the bodily condition improves to a marked degree. Given a sound constitution to start with, the follower of such a regimen reaches a condition of physical well being to which he is ordinarily a stranger.

Training for health and training for muscle strength are not the same, and yet there is resemblance enough between the two to make a comparison useful.

Those whose occupation calls for little physical exertion should find time to exercise as well as to eat and sleep. The fifteen minutes between rising and the bath may well be spent in this way. If possible an hour should be spent in exercise, preferably after the work of the day is over. This exercise should be followed by a bath and a complete change of clothing. The exercise may be taken under an instructor, or it may be left to one's own ingenuity to devise movements which will develop in turn every set of muscles. Variety must be obtained, or the development will not be symmetrical.

Exercise should be fitted to the individual case. One whose employment includes a certain amount of manual labor should supplement this by especial attention to the muscles neglected in his daily duties. A farmer, for example, much of whose work requires stooping and bending, might well gain restful recreation in a light exercise which would develop the muscles of the chest and expand the lungs.

A scientific authority on physical development has recently given his ideal of a theory for perfect physical condition, as follows: "Exercise moderately and temperately for a short time at the same relative hour everyday of your life."—*Youth's Companion.*

THE THEATRE HAT.

When Tillinghast and Gildersleeve took their seats in the theatre the other night, they found their view of the stage interrupted by a large picture-hat on the head of a lady in front of them. By adroit movements laterally the wearer of the hat managed to obscure the view of both the young men alternately, instead of only one, which is the usual privilege of the big theatre headgear.

After nearly dislocating his neck in the vain endeavor to dodge the shadow, Tillinghast said to his friend:

"What a pity it is that a lady with such a pretty face should be obliged to wear such a large hat in order to conceal some personal defect about her head!"

"What do you suppose the defect is?" replied Gildersleeve, in a loud whisper.

"Hush, not so loud, or she will hear you," warned Tillinghast, in penetrative tones. "It's my opinion that she is prematurely bald."

The conspirators saw that their comments were heard, for the hat ceased to bob around, and the lady's head assumed an attentive attitude.

"Oh, no, I don't think she is prematurely bald," replied Gildersleeve. "It's my opinion that her hair is turning gray. She is using hair-dye, and has neglected to put it on for a week or so, and, in consequence, the hair is showing white at the roots, while it is black where it has been dyed. One naturally whishes to hide it, under circumstances, you know."

At this point the wearer of the hat gave a sniff of defiance, half looked around, and then raised her hat from her head and placed it on her lap, and no doubt she thought to herself:

"I'll just show them whether I am prematurely bald or whether I haven't had time to apply hair-dye for a week!"

Tillinghast smiled softly as he said:

"Just see what magnificant hair she has! We were both wrong. Isn't it a pity that such hair should ever be covered by a hat?"

"It is, indeed," replied Gildersleeve.

Then the two wily young men enjoyed the play, while a smile of pleasure played on the face of the lady.—*Harper's Bazar.*

WAS HE A SAVAGE?

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He never had a favorite cook to simply up and quit, he ne'er fixed pictures on the wall, nor pipes that wouldn't fit, nor had a new silk hat exchanged for some old seedy tile. He never donned his best dress suit and then fell in the mud, and, since he never wore a shirt he never lost a stud. He never burst a buttoned glove, nor—till his neck was raw—wore collars that resembled much the saw teeth of a saw. He never wrote a poem that an editor declined, nor hatched a joke within the incubator of the mind. He never moved into a house whose chimney would not draw, nor knew exactly what it was to have a mother-in-law, nor had to catch suburban trains, as nowdays he does, and, since these things make a savage man, I don't believe he was.—*Pearson's Weekly.*

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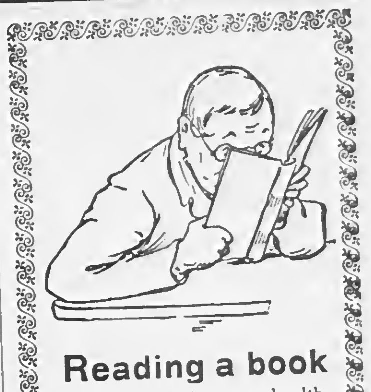

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Of ignorance and wrong;
Arise, and let the truth benign
Fill every land with light divine
And every soul with song.

Arise, O Christ, arise!
In arms the nations stand
Ready to close in deadly strife
At tyranny's command;
Their ironclads in grim array
Defiantly invite affray
By every sobbing strand.

Arise, O Christ, arise!
Behold the suffering poor;
Lo, Dives banquets as of old
With Lazarus at the door;
That one may sport in purple dress
Ten thousand toil in wretchedness,
Ten thousand want endure.

Arise, O Christ, arise
And bid oppression cease!
Let the imperious eagle die,
The blessed dove increase;
That she may bring to struggling men,
O'er the waste of earth again,
The olive branch of peace.

—*N. W. Rand, in "Random Rimes."*

MRS. HERBERT'S EXPERIMENT.

Margaret Herbert heard little of the sermon that hot July Sabbath morning, for, in spite of herself, her thoughts would wander to the letter she had just received and the disappointment it had brought her. To the young wife who has been mistress of her own home for a whole year, and during that time has not received within its walls her dearest friend, it is not a trifling disappointment to hear the long promised visit must again be deferred.

She thought of the drives that had been planned (Sara knew nothing of country fields and meadows), of the tea to be given in her honor, of the picnic, and, more than all else, of the long, confidential chats they were to have enjoyed. "I haven't had a good visit with Sara since I was married. Of course Edward is delightful, but he can't fill her place. What a pity it is that Sara's vacation must be spent in waiting upon her sister. Emmeline isn't half the invalid she supposes herself to be. It is too bad, but there is no use in trying to shake Sara's resolution; so I can only hope that Emmeline will allow herself to improve, and then Sara may feel at liberty to give me a short visit before the opening of the college year. Oh, dear—the books we were going to read together! There is 'Marcella' lying on the parlor table, waiting to be read and discussed. I shall let her wait a while longer, for I shall not give up the visit entirely."

These thoughts served to shut out Dr. Dean's sermon very effectually, and she was only drawn from her reverie by a slight pause and the voice of a stranger saying: "Are there not those here who have guest chambers without guests (at this Mrs. Herbert gave a little start), who could with little trouble take into their homes and hearts one of Christ's little ones? I do not say that you will thereby 'entertain angels unawares,' as these children are the product of the streets and our nineteenth century civilization. Some one is to blame for their condition. You are not; neither are they. But you can—some of you—take these waifs into your care for a fortnight, give them glimpses of God's beautiful country, let them learn what a Christian home is like, and the results no one can foretell. If you could see the wretchedness of their city homes you wouldn't hesitate a moment. Believe me, friends, and listen to the Master's voice: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my little ones, ye have done it unto me.'"

Mrs. Herbert walked home thoughtfully and went immediately to her room to slip into a cool muslin dress. Then she looked into her guest chamber, where everything was in readiness for Sara, who was to have come on Saturday, and passed on to the east room—similar, but equally clean, pretty and girlish. Margaret's face brightened, and with an approving nod, she descended the stairs to join her husband on the veranda.

At dinner Mr. Herbert observed that Margaret was more silent than usual, and inquirred into the cause. "Oh," interrupted her husband, "what a pity it is that ideas occur to you so seldom that they are overpowering."

"Now, Edward, that joke is very stale. But my idea will be a novel one to you, at least. You know that I am dreadfully disappointed that Sara is not coming, and I have decided to invite another guest from the city to fill her place."

"Another city friend? Not Cousin Mary?"

"No."

"Why, I do not think of any other friend in the city whom you would be likely to invite for a visit."

Then Margaret told him what the city missionary had said in church, and that she had decided to call upon him at the parsonage Monday morning to invite one of the waifs to stay with her a few weeks.

Edward was thoroughly astonished, and at first demurred; told her that she might entertain cholera also, or that she might be robbed. "Why, what would you do with a strange child?" said he. "You wouldn't know how to take care of a small one, nor how to amuse an older one. Fancy a ten-years-old street Arab running riot in our garden."

"I have thought of these things. It is true that I do not know much about small children, and for that reason I shall ask the missionary to send me a young girl about sister Lu's age. There must be many such girls who are frail or have been ill and need country air and nourishing food."

Margaret met with no serious opposition, and in his heart Mr. Herbert approved of her scheme as only another and needless proof that his wife was the best woman in the world.

Dr. Dean was a bit surprised when fashionable Mrs. Herbert presented herself in his parlor and announced her readiness to receive a city waif. She was not one of the "active" members of his flock, but her earnestness proved to him that it was not a passing whim. "Please send me a young girl, for I know but little about small children, but I have younger sisters, and I understand big girls. Send some one who is not really ill, for I have had no experience in nursing, but one who needs the change, and I will try my best to make her real happy."

"Yes," said Mr. Avery, the missionary, "there are many older ones who need help, and yet we can only provide for little ones as a rule. Such girls need good influences more than all others. I am sure that you can be a blessing to some friendless girl."

When the day arrived Margaret felt some trepidation, it must be confessed, but she had taken her one servant, faithful Jane, into her confidence, and she thought that if her own resources failed Jane might come to the rescue. As she flitted about, putting some finishing touches to the little east chamber, the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least," kept repeating themselves in her mind, until her fancy clothed the unexpected stranger with something of the divine sweetness in the face of the Madonna, that hung beside the pretty dressing table.

At dinner the expected guest was naturally enough the topic of conversation. Mr. Herbert delighted in magnifying everything to the utmost, her probable awkwardness, stupidity, and all the trials that the coming weeks might bring. Finally he said: "Well, Margaret, I hope that you will lock up your valuables, and keep a close watch upon the silver spoons. Bric-a-brac would not be likely to meet her tastes, and will be comparatively safe."

"Fie, Edward," replied his wife, "I intend to keep my jewelry locked up to remove any possible temptation, but I shall not begin by suspecting her to be a thief. I hope to win her love; perhaps she may never have had any one to love her. I intend to 'lay myself out' (you will excuse the slang) to win her affection."

Edward looked into his wife's pretty, girlish face, flushed with excitement, and told her that any one must indeed be a stone who would not yield to her attractions. "Love you, dear? Why, there isn't the shadow of a doubt that you will possess her, body and soul, before bed-time if you set out to."

Margaret smiled at his warmth, and reminded him that he was not an impartial judge, so far as she was concerned.

Late in the afternoon Margaret, in one of her prettiest gowns, stood on the veranda to receive Mr. Avery and his charge. If she had entertained any vision of a possible "angel unawares" a glance at the half-frightened, but bold, hard face of the girl who was introduced to her as Belle Pratt, immediately dispelled it. Slipping a note into her hand the missionary hurried away to conduct his other charges to their destinations.

Margaret, with the superior grace and ease that a society woman usually possesses, ushered the stranger into the house, and saying: "You must feel tired and warm after your journey in the hot, dusty cars, so I will take you upstairs to your room to rest and brush up a bit before tea," led the way up the polished staircase, pausing at the door of her own room. "This is my room, Belle," said she, "and this other one, just across the hall, is yours, and I hope that you will enjoy it as much as did my sister Lu, who was here a few weeks ago. She is about your age, I think; Lu is fifteen.

While she was speaking the girl's sharp, dark eyes were surveying the room, apparently noting every detail—the delicately tinted paper on the wall, the white muslin draperies at the windows, the small white and gold bed with its snowy counterpane, the low rocker near the window, the pretty dressing table with all its dainty appointments, the vase of flowers among the books on the little stand in the corner, the bright rug, the pictures on the walls—nothing escaped her deliberate gaze. Then her eyes fell upon her own coarse, dirty shoes, her flimsy dress, her bare, rough hands, and raising her eyes to Margaret's sweet, womanly face, she drew back with a half sob and said: "That room for me! It looks like it might be an angel's room. Oh, no, ma'am, I should spoil it; haven't you a room in the attic that I could sleep in?"

"No, dear; I have no other, except a large guest chamber and Jane's room. I have arranged this for you, and you will not spoil it in the least."

So saying, Margaret led her into the room and seated her in her rocker. Then she bade her lay off her hat, and flitted about, showing her the closet for the clothes, the bureau drawer for her use, the various toilet articles, all the time chatting about the weather and her journey in such a way as to put Belle at her ease in a few minutes. After awhile she left her to arrange her toilet, telling her to come to her room when she was ready and they would go down to the piazza until time for supper. Margaret went to her room and read the note that Mr. Avery had given her, which was as follows:

DEAR MRS. HERBERT—You will perceive that I have not sent you a convalescent. Belle is well and strong, but she is in more desperate need of help than any one I know. She is upon the verge of ruin. She has no mother, and her father has just been sentenced to state prison for a long term. She has never known a good woman. We have tried to get her into the Sunday mission, but are unable to arouse any interest in her. I confide her to your care hopefully, feeling that this is a crisis in her life and that she has sufficient strength of character to appreciate and strive to imitate pure womanhood if she could but see it. She knows nothing of a parent's love, and I doubt if she has ever been treated tenderly. Trusting that the Heavenly Master will guide you in this matter as in all others, I remain, yours truly, F. E. AVERY.

"Never has known a good woman; worse than fatherless"—Margaret's heart went out to the friendless girl, and she determined that love should win her to truth and purity. Soon she heard Belle's footprints in the hall and joined her, noting a great improvement in the arrangement of her hair, and a soft timid expression in her face. They went out into the garden, where Margaret showed her the flowers, and picked some sweet peas for Belle's belt and placed some in her own. Mr. Herbert joined them, received Belle with great cordiality, and presently they went in to supper.

What a revelation to the poor girl was that supper table, with its snowy linen, delicate china, flowers and daintily served food! Yes, and the days that followed were full of such revelations, greater even than her environments would be to you, dear reader. Surely more than one-half the world does not know how the remaining and fortunate portion lives. The spotless kitchen, where Belle often sat watching Jane with keen, observant eyes, was an object lesson never to be forgotton. So was the sewing room, where she assisted Mrs. Herbert in mending stockings, and learned lessons of incalculable value while making over a dress for herself that Margaret had given her. But above all, the personality of her hostess was impressed upon the girl's heart. She saw this lovely, graceful lady treating her, poor Belle Pratt, as if she were her younger sister, finding books that she could understand and enjoy, taking her to ride and showing her the beauties of the fields and meadows, and she felt daily more puzzled to know why she did all these things.

One day as they were sitting on the piazza, sewing, Belle summoned courage to ask Mrs. Herbert. Margaret told her about her dear friend Sara, her own disappointment and the words of Mr. Avery, the city missionary. "So I have tried to brighten your life and make you happy," and looking into the girl's face, from which the hardness had wholly disappeared, she felt that her labor had not been in vain.

For a long time Belle sat thinking. She hadn't seen a tract since she came To be sure, there was a small Bible in her room. Mrs. Herbert had given her upon learning that she had none, and this, by the way, was the only gift she had received, save the dress. Margaret was giving her a bit of her life. Belle now realized that love was the source of all this kindness. The mission at the city was one form; the opening of that lovely home to her, who had no claim upon the hospitality, was another. At length she exclaimed: "How I wish I was Jane!"

"Why so?" asked Margaret, smiling at her earnestness.

"Then I could live in this beautiful place. I would work hard in a nice, light kitchen—but, you don't know how small and dark they be in the city. Mr. Avery wanted to get me a place, but I told him I'd rather work in a store. But if I could work in the country as Jane does, I'd be glad enough. Do you think I could learn, Mrs. Herbert?"

"Yes, I am sure you could," replied Margaret, "If you were willing to be taught, and were patient and careful. You are strong and healthy. Housework is woman's work, and no true woman despises it or is ashamed to know how to do every part of it."

Only that morning Belle had watched Margaret making the dessert, and another time had helped her wash and iron some delicately embroidered doilies.

The outcome of the conversation was that Mrs. Herbert called upon an elderly lady whose health was failing and whose income was very limited. She interested her in Belle's case, so that she offered to give her a home and train her for house service. Mrs. Herbert assisted her in furnishing clothing and reading matter until she became self-supporting. So it happened that Belle never returned to the city, but her womanhood developed in a Christian home, where she is doing a true woman's work, and is being fitted to reign in a modest home of her own some day. How little it cost to rescue the girl, yet how priceless the result!

Margaret Herbert was awakened to the blessedness of doing for others, not of her own household, and her character is deepening and rounding up toward the divine perfection.—*Troy Daily Times.*

THE DAY OF RECKONING.

A little woman wearing a last year's wrap got on a Wells street car the other morning, and, as she paid her fare, she recognized the woman sitting next her.

"I haven't seen you for an age," she said.

"That's so," replied the other woman, "and it isn't my fault, either. I was at your house last."

"So you were. Well, the truth is, I'm kept at home pretty close now."

"The children, I guess. That's what comes of marrying a widower."

"Oh, it isn't that. They're as good as gold, and they're in school most of the time, too. No, it's my husband; he is so particular about the way the house is kept. Why a speck of dust on a table or chair almost gives him a fit, and as for his food—well, it's about impossible to please him."

"You don't say. Got dyspepsia, I guess. His first wife—"

"O, no; he's just particular. I wouldn't mind so much, but he's always talking about the way his first wife kept house. Seems to me sometimes I wish she hadn't been such a good cook. It ain't wrong, I hope."

"His first was such a good cook?"

"Yes, that's what he always says when anything goes wrong. I'm on my way to the South side now to see my aunt. She always makes such good pumpkin pies, and I want her to tell me just how she does it against Thanksgiving. John nearly had a fit over to the last ones I made, and yet most folks think my pies are good. But John says his first wife's pies—"

"Look here, Almira Johnson, did you ever know John's first wife?"

"No; I never saw her that I know of. She must have been a first-rate housekeeper, judging by the way he talks. Sometimes I wonder how he ever came to marry me, after—"

"O, you didn't know her! Well, I did; lived next door to 'em on Webster avenue for two years; and if that woman ever made a pie—yes, or a bed, either, until it was time to get into it—I'm mistaken. And the way she did treat him—why, he was afraid to call his soul his own."

The meek-looking little woman gasped, "You don't mean to say that—that she wasn't a good housekeeper?"

"Not if I know what a good housekeeper is."

"And she didn't make any first-class pies?"

"Didn't make any at all. Bought 'em at the baker's. What are you going to do?"

"Do? I'm going to get out and go home; that's what I'm going to do. I guess, after what I know now, I can make John's Thanksgiving pies without any teaching from my aunt."

"Well, I should think so," said the other woman; "and," she added, "you might just mention while he's eating them that I've been telling you about old times, when we used to live next door on Webster avenue!"
—*Chicago Tribune.*

WHAT CELERY TO PLANT.

"What do you consider the best two varieties of celery, early or late?" was a query referred to L. F. Kinney of the Rhode Island station. Here is his reply, as published in the *Rural New Yorker:*

I do not know any reason why one kind of celery should be grown for the early crop and one for the late. Why not plant the best for both? When the markets prefer a particular kind of anything, it is to the advantage of those who grow this class of products to sell, not to have too many varieties, a fact that is not always appreciated. In growing celery, for New England markets at least, I am inclined to question the policy of planting even two varieties extensively, because a critical study of the peculiarities of the different varieties shows that there is one type which more nearly meets the requirements of both growers and marketmen than does any other, consequently the efforts to grow a second choice with profit in competition with the first are handicapped at the outstart. There is no need of planning to raise second quality celery. There is enough of this to be culled from the first choice, and an excess is sure to injure the trade.

The popularity of the Golden Self Blanching or Paris Golden celery in the larger markets in New England is unparalleled by that of any other kind. It has been learned that this celery satisfies the average custom, and an examination of the plant readily shows why. It is a nice bunch, that keeps well. The growth, too, is just where the gardener wants it. The centers of the plants are full of thickened stalks of convenient length, and these can be ripened up quickly after the plants are mature, at the pleasure of the grower. To be sure this celery does not look as vigorous when growing in the fields as some others, and it may not be able to hoe its own row quite so well, but when its preparation for the market begins then its superior qualities at once become apparent.

When well grown, this celery requires but little knifing, nearly the whole growth goes to market, and, excepting the leaves, it is all edible. The full centers of the plants of this variety constitute an important peculiarity. In addition to this the whole habit of growth of the plants is such that a large number can be grown on a small area. While this celery, like the Baldwin apple, has not the richest flavor or the largest size, I doubt whether it has a peer among its kind for ordinary market purposes, either for the early or moderately late crop. The centers of the plants sometimes die out, and the stalks of this kind, as well as others, are occasionally of light weight, but these are matters which appear to be due partly at least to improper culture. Too porous a soil may be responsible for both of the troubles.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

The Five Little Chickens.

Said the first little chicken,
With a queer little squirm:
"O, I wish I could find
A fat little worm!"

Said the next little chicken,
With an odd little shrug:
"O, I wish I could find
A fat little bug!"

Said the third little chicken,
With a sharp little squeal:
"O, I wish I could find
Some nice yellow meal!"

Said the fourth little chicken,
With a small sigh of grief:
"O, I wish I could find
A little green leaf!"

Said the fifth little chicken,
With a faint little moan:
"O, I wish I could find
A wee gravel stone!"

"Now see here," said the mother
From the green garden patch:
"If you want any breakfast,
You can just come and scratch!"

—*The C. B. L.*

LITTLE POTTER.

A short, little, square-built, dark skinned, twinkle eyed young fellow known the world over as "Little Potter." The name came from his trade before the war.

Standing near the picket fire, though uncomfortable himself, he could always suggest some way in which to make coffee boil, and would gather up little splinters and pile under or about the little kettle with the keenest enjoyment, although the coffee belonged to the most taciturn man in the company.

At Shiloh, in the midst of the second day's battle, Little Potter left the company to get water for himself and companions. A quick change of position, a new line of battle formation took place after his departure and Little Potter was seen no more for several days.

After the rebels retreated he was acting as nurse at the brigade hospital. He couldn't find the regiment on his return, and found the hospital, and the division surgeon ordered him on duty, and discovering his excellence as a nurse, would not let him return to his company. There was a quarrel between the surgeon and the captain, the latter seeing him as a skulker and the former seeing him as a useful man who had made a mistake through no fault of his own.

The captain reported Potter absent without leave, and he was court-martialed. The sentence was that he should forfeit six months' pay. The stoppage of six months' pay told sorely on him, but he weathered the storm, and came out as serene as though he had never been court-martialed.

On the morning of the terrible December 31st, at Stone River, Little Potter was the first man in place, after the orderly, and though the shortest man in the company, he held it there in face of the rule to the contrary. There was a sweeping charge. The company left their dead farther to the front than any other regiment in action that day.

Little Potter was a giant in doing.

He kept his place next to the orderly when the company was broken and scattered. With a precision that under other circumstances would have been droll, he formed on the orderly whenever a charge was made, and while it was every man for himself.

As he was ramming home a ball, a ball struck him in the fleshy part of the leg, cutting a great gash and tearing his clothes. He was advised to go to the rear. His reply was—

"I'll show them who is a coward."

A shot struck him in the left shoulder, and he became deadly pale. Still with teeth and right hand he managed to load his gun and fire. Another shot struck him in the thigh, and he fell. He was dragged to a stump and placed so that the raking fire could not touch him. He deliberately crawled round so as to face the rebels, and as the company gave back in one of those almost hand-to-hand fights, Little Potter kissed his hand to the man nearest him and nestled down with a sigh of relief.

Days after the sergeant found a pair of black eyes glistening from the festoons of white sheets, in a hospital in Murfreesboro. They belonged to Little Potter, broken-armed, broken-legged and bandaged. He could not move and could hardly speak. But as the tearful man bent over him, he lisped—

"We whipped them, didn't we?"

He was taken to the hospital, and here, day after day, went his old comrades to see him.

They did more; they wrote to Gen. Rosecrans, telling the simple story; they carried the latter along the red tape line, from brigade headquarters to division, from division to corps, from corps to army headquarters, and returned, with an order from Rosecrans himself, directing that the six months' pay be returned to Little Potter, that all charges on the record be erased; and that an order complimenting his gallantry be read on dress-parade, and that a copy be sent to the man who behaved so nobly.

The order was read on dress-parade, and the document, with all its array of indorsements, and old Rosa's letter, was carried to Little Potter by men who could scarcely speak.

He seemed like one transfigured as one of his old-time friends read and re-read the letter. He had it held down to his eyes so that he could see the official signatures. Then came the first tears.

"Now boys, I don't want to get well. It is all wiped out, ain't it? I was so determined to get well to wipe it out, you know, but now, torn up as I am, it is better to die."

And the next morning, with the order and old Rosa's letter on his breast, Little Potter died.

AN OLD FARMER'S ARGUMENT.

Here is an adventure that some members of an ordinance survey met with while tourlug in the south of Scotland In the prosecution of their calling they entered a field belonging to a crusty old farmer. Seeing the strangers looking about in a way he could not understand, the farmer approached. "What are ye loitering in the field for?" "Oh, we have a right to go anywhere," returned one of the company. "We are surveying, and here are our Government papers." "Paper here or paper there," returned the farmer, "oot ye gang oot o' my field." "No, we shan't," returned the man, "and you are rendering yourself liable to prosecution for interrupting us." The farmer said no more, but went over to his shed, which opened into the field, and let out a vicious bull. The bull no sooner saw the red coats than he went for them in full career. The surveyors snatched up their theodolite and flew for their lives, while the old farmer, in great glee, yelled after them: "What are ye running for? Can ye no show the bull yer Government papers?"—*He Round Table.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1897.

Special Notice.—Communications or special articles intended for publication in this column, must be in the hands of the editor by noon on Wednesday, in order to appear in the paper the following Friday, and must in all cases be accompanied by the name of thewriter, which, however, will not be made public unless the author so desires. This specification is not intended to affect local news matters, however, which the editor will be glad to receive at any time.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Alfred Peats' Wall Paper; finest line ever shown in town; prices low. L. A. Conant.

Seed Potatoes—best Maine stock—Hebron, Early Rose, New Queen, at F. D. Thompsons.

PALMER NEWS.

Who'll Get the Licenses?

The question of who will receive the six licenses which the selectmen will grant next Tuesday is what is worrying some of the applicants, while others seem to be resting in easy assurance that things are coming their way for certain. The selectmen say that they have not discussed the matter of licenses at all, that the time for filing objections to any of the applicants does not expire until next Monday night, and that until after then they can and will do nothing. Some of the applicants are claiming however that they are sure of a license, and that they know that others cannot have one. One applicant claims that one of the selectmen went to him before election and asked his assistance among the voters, promising him that if the town should vote yes he would use his power to get the worker a license. The man got out and "hustled" and the town went license; he says that he then went to the selectman and asked support for his application, but was advised to drop the matter.

While the selectmen are saying nothing regarding the matter, there seems to be a pretty well defined feelingas to who the lucky ones will be. Two in Palmer are pretty certain to be E. R. Pierce at the Converse House, and L. W. Caryl & Co. Both have the reputation of conducting as orderly places as possible, and there has been no suspicion of their selling in no-license times. At Three Rivers J. F. Hartnett is considered sure, and Maurice Moriarty at Bondsville. The uncertainty, if any exits, is at Thorndike. Before election it was reported that some kind of a "deal" had been arranged there; at any rate, that precinct gave 95 yes against 17 no last year. There are three applicants there besides T. J. Clifford, who had the last license. He is reported to have conducted the business in as satisfactory a manner as possible, and to have the backing of a good share of the influential men of the place for this year, and may be considered as pretty sure of a license, though what the reported "deal" may develop is uncertain. This leaves one more license, which in the usual order of things will come to the Depot village, where signs point to the Nassowanno House as the fortunate applicant. Of course no one knows what the result will be, but the indications point to results as above.

So far as is known no objection is offered to any of the applicants except L. W. Caryl & Co. But against them two petitions have been in circulation during the past few days, one addressed to the selectmen and the other to the officials of the Boston & Albany Railroad. Both set forth the fact that, the town having voted license, application will probably be made for a saloon in the Caryl block on the approach to the railroad station, as the location has been occupied as such before; that in times past such occupancy has been a menace to public safety and a source of indecency; and requesting the selectmen not to grant a license for a saloon in that building, and the railroad officials not to permit the use of the premises for such purpose. The signatures on the petitions are largely those of women. The one to the railroad people has been forwarded, but the one to the selectmen is still in the hands of circulators.

Easter at the Churches.

BAPTIST.

At the Baptist church in the morning the following musical programme will be given: Anthem, "Christ the Lord is Risen To-day," Wilson; duet, "The Magdelene," Warren. There will be a concert in the evening entitled "The Day of Triumph;" anthem, "The Lord is Risen," Ashford.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The subject of the sermon in the morning at 10.45 will be "Darkness and light." The music programme will be:

Festival Prelude. — Dudley Buck
Choir—"Easter Anthem." — Ludds
Alto Solo—"Angels' Message." — A. F. Loud
Choir—"This is the Day." — A. J. Holden
Postlude in C. — W. H. Lewis

In the evening at 7 o'clock the Sunday school will give a concert entitled "Easter Chimes."

UNIVERSALIST.

At St. Paul's church the pastor will preach an Easter sermon on "The hidden life." The order of confirmation will be observed. The music will be:

Voluntary. Offertoire in E flat. — Edward Batiste
Easter Anthem. "King of Kings." — Caleb Simper
Solos for bass and soprano, with chorus.
Anthem. "O Joyous Easter Morning." — P. A. Schnecker
Solos for tenor and alto, with chorus.
Hymn Anthem. "Jesus Lives." — F. J. Barrett
Solo for soprano, with chorus.
Anthem. "Hallelujah! Christ is Risen." — Edwyn A. Clare.
Solos for bass and tenor, with chorus.
Postludium. — G. E. Whitney

In the evening at 5 the Sunday School will give a concert, "The Easter Greeting." The public is cordially invited.

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC.

Morning mass will be at 10.30, at which the music will be:

Vidi Aquam. — Gregorian
Kyrie. — Wels
Gloria — Wels
Credo. — Wels
Offertory. Ave Maria. — Dolan
Sanctus. — Wels
Agnus Dei. — Wels

Vespers will be at 7.30 p. m., with this programme:

Domine ad adjuvandum. — Selle
Dixit Dominus. — Selle
Confitebor. — Fiske
Beatus Vir. — Selle
Laudate Pueri. — Selle
Laudate Dominum. — Selle
Magnificat. — Gregorian
Regina Coeli. — Werner
O Salutaris. — Selected
Ave Maria. — Dolan
Tantum Ergo. — Selected

The Fate of the Drinking Fountain.

The members of the W. C. T. U. are wondering what will be the fate of the drinking fountain which they have maintained for the past two or three years on the corner of Main and Walnut streets with ice and water through the summer months, the structure having been ordered removed by H. C. Strong, the owner of the adjoining property, although the fountain stands in the highway. No reason was given when the Union was ordered to take it away, and Mr. Strong declines to give any other than that "there are several objections," and that it "prevents free access" to his property. It has been stated that LeGro & Lynde objected to its presence because of the injury it did their soda water trade, but that firm emphatically denies any such opposition, or in fact any opposition at all, stating that they are perfectly content to have the fountain remain where it is. That the present fountain is not a thing of beauty is admitted, but when it was installed it was all that could be done with the funds at the disposal of the Union; since that the ladies have been working hard to get money with which to put up a handsome and better arrangement, and think they will be able to do so next year. In the meantime they would like to have the present fountain remain for the good it has done and is doing. They have brought the matter to the attention of the selectmen, who have been informed by the town counsel that they have the control of the streets, and while the board has not [illegible] the matter yet, it is not thought [illegible] order the fountain removed.

Woman's Tuesday Club Reception.

The reception given by the Woman's Tuesday Club Tuesday evening to the gentlemen friends of its members at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hastings, was a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Hastings and Mrs. C. K. Gamwell entertained. The rooms were decorated with cut flowers and greens, as was also the table in the dining room, at which the twenty-two present sat down to a dainty and delicious lunch, served by Misses Blanche Hastings and Eloise Stone. Partners for supper were determined by matching flowers which had previously been distributed among the company. After the coffee, slips of paper were distributed to all; the gentleman holding number 1 was required to read his and take his place at the head of the room, where he was joined by the lady holding the same numbered slip after she had read its contents. The slips contained clever parodies and paraphrases of well-known writings, and were decidedly amusing. After the procession had been formed in this way a march was made through the spacious rooms before the continuance of the social time which supper had interrupted. Frappe was served, H. W. McGregory sang a tenor solo, Miss Eloise Stone gave a piano solo, and there was a piano and mandolin duett by Misses Blanche and Daisy Hastings. Those present beside the hostess and host were: Miss L. H. Brigham, Mrs. E. P. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hellyar, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McGregory, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woolrich, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stone.

Bicycle Stolen.

Some person, with an evident desire for a wheel, had his wish gratified Wednesday evening, though it was by a misappropriation of another's property to his own use. Rev. O. G. Petrie, while calling at the house of W. W. Leach on Church street, left his bicycle leaning against Mr. Leach's office. When he came out he found that with somebody's help, like the Arabs, it had silently stolen away. Officer Eastman was notified and a search was made, but no trace of it could be found, and it has not yet been heard from. It was a Columbia, '94 model, number 21,105.

Fred Walker of Otter River is visiting his mother.

Next Monday is Patriot's Day, a legal holiday.

Miss Flora Stevenson is visiting friends in Monson.

John Smith is painting his residence on Pine street.

Miss Nettie Coleman is visiting friends in New London, Ct.

Harry Giffin has been visiting friends in Boston this week.

All the schools of the town will resume their session next Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Strong and daughter Grace are visiting friends in Hartford, Ct.

Miss Lucretia Siske spent Sunday with her brother, Harry Siske, in Boston.

Daniel G. Buskey is moving his family to Ware, where he has bought a tea route.

Miss May Fiske has been spending a part of the week with friends in Windsor, Ct.

The basement of the Converse House has been connected with the Main street sewer.

C. H. Johnson has started a trucking business, with order slate at the store of Buck & Co.

A. O. Allen has been appointed keeper of the lockup and tramp room for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. B. King of East Hartford, Ct., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Calkins left Tuesday for a week or more with relatives in New Haven.

The will of Ann Conroy, late of Palmer, Thomas J. Dwyer executor, has been admitted to probate.

Miss Jennie C. Roche spent Sunday and the first of the week with Miss Alice McMahon of Ware.

A. B. Cowan was called to Hartford, Ct., to-day to attend the funeral of his grandfather, Elijah Brewer.

George W. Ely has taken a position with the New England Land Improvement Company of Springfield.

Mr. C. M. Stevens of Upton, Mass., formerly of Palmer, is in poor health and is not expected to recover.

The Brookfield Association of Congregational ministers held a meeting in the Converse House Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Young, who has been visiting at the home of M. J. Dillon, has returned to her home in Worcester.

Miss Belle Palmer has taken the position in the telephone exchange formerly occupied by Miss Adonna Graham.

A. B. Cowan is conducting a clearing sale of boots and shoes, and offers some unusually good bargains in this line.

C. F. Grosvenor is painting his residence on West Main street. The house is also being connected with the sewer.

Councilman O'Rouke and Alderman Dillon of Chicopee called on Alderman Dillon's brother, M. J. Dillon, last Friday.

Sadie F. Peterson of Monson was adjuged insane by Judge Robinson Monday, and committed to the asylum at Northampton.

W. R. Milligan has bought the property of Otis Rich above the Point of Rocks, and also a tract of land of Mrs. Nellie Hooker in the same locality.

C. E. Fish will go to Boston next Thursday as the representative of Quaboag council of the Royal Arcanum to the annual meeting of the grand council.

One civil entry was made in the district court Saturday, Herbert C. Norcross against Mary J. Foley and trustee, both parties being from Monson.

G. W. Lent and G. B. Hayes were admitted into the membership of the Palmer Business and Social Club at its regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

An exhibition of candy making is being given in the new store of LeGro & Lynde. The candy is made fresh every hour, and samples are given away free.

Thomas lodge of Masons has received and accepted an invitation to visit Hampden lodge of Springfield on the evening of the 27th, and will run a special train

The farmers are taking advantage of the good weather to do their spring plowing. It is unusual for the ground to be in condition to be plowed at this season of the year.

A social will be given in the parlors of the Universalist church next Tuesday evening; Mrs. Charles and Mrs. William Keith and Mrs. H. A. Northrop will entertain.

Dr. G. H. Wilkins, D. L. Bodfish and Judge Robinson attended the exemplification of the 15th Masonic district, grand lodge of Masons, in Springfield Wednesday.

A break in the water main near the cemetery on Thorndike street Saturday caused the consumers of water on Park street to be shut off from the supply while the break was being repaired.

Tickets for the play, "A Prisoner of War," to be given by the Sons of Veterans, will go on sale at Allen's drug store next Tuesday. Tickets bought in advance can be exchanged at the store on Monday.

Miss Phoebe Hastings is entertaining her friend, Miss Harriet Smith, of Smith College, at her home on North Main street. Miss Hastings severely sprained her ankle recently, but is now recovering from its effects.

Hampden Chapter, R. A. M., will hold a regular convocation next Monday evening. M. E. Olin C. Towle, D. D. G. H. P., will be present and participate in the work of the P. and M. E. degrees. A collation will be served.

There will be a union service in the Universalist church this evening. Short addresses on the "Seven Words" spoken by Christ on the cross will be made by the pastors of the three Protestant churches of this village.

The store of the Smith Grocery Co. is being wired for electric lights. The Central Massachusetts Electric Co. is also putting lights into the Methodist church at West Warren, also the residence of Agent Brown at the same place.

J. W. Smith and daughter Alice attended the funeral at North Amherst Monday of Dwight Graves, who died last Friday from injuries received in his lumber mill by a log rolling on him. Mr. Graves was an uncle of Miss Smith and Mrs. H. M. Kendall

A special train will be run from Monson to Palmer next Monday evening to accommodate the delegates to the seventh annual convention of the Hampden county Y. P. S. C. E., and another special will run from Palmer to Springfield. The train will leave Monson at 9 10 and Palmer at 9 25.

A large number of members of Thomas lodge of Masons will attend the exemplification of the work by lodges of the 17th Masonic district in Masonic hall at Warren next Monday. For the accommodation of those wishing to attend, the train leaving Palmer at 8 25 a. m. will stop at Warren.

A large number of Palmer people—nearly 40—went to Monson Wednesday evening to hear the reading of Eugene Field's poems by his daughter, Mary French Field, returning by means of carriages furnished by Ralph Clifford. The party was unanimous in its praise of the evening's entertainment.

The funeral of John Longwell, who died Friday, was held from the home of his brother, J. B. Longwell, on South Main street Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church officiating. A quartette composed of E. B. Taylor, Miss Lena Warriner, Miss Lela Fuller and Charles Wood rendered appropriate music.

The following appointments of ministers to charges in this vicinity were made at the Methodist conference at Lowell this week; Belchertown and Dwight, G. W. Locke; Bondsville, R. E. Smith; Hampden and Glendale, J. H. Bennett; Ludlow Center, N. M. Caton; Monson, A. R. Nichols; Ware, J. W. Fulton; Warren First church, Wesley Wiggins; West Warren, John Mason; Wilbraham, Fayette Nichols.

At the service under the care of the Men's Sunday Evening Club at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, Rev. F. E. Jenkins preached his fourth anniversary sermon, taking for this theme "Inter-twining Lives." A special organ solo was given by Mrs. Small before the sermon. Rev. Mr. Jenkins was installed as pastor April 19, 1893. His pastorate has been remarkably successful, and the church has prospered both spiritually and financially.

Mrs. Adeliade Collis, 77, widow of the late John Collis of Brimfield, died Saturday afternoon from the effects of a paralytic shock sustained a few days previous. Mrs. Collis had been a long and well-known resident of Brimfield, and during her stay here had made many friends, who regret her death. She leaves one son, George Collis. and one daughter, Mrs. L. E. Carpenter, both of Palmer. The funeral was held from the home of her son Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. O. G. Petrie officiating. The burial was in Brimfield.

With the advent of warm weather, business at the Hotel D' Allen has greatly decreased, the patrons of that, during winter, popular inn preferring the hospitality of some other resort which does not demand manual labor in payment for lodging. The past week only five guests have been entertained, four of these stopping Saturday evening, they being well aware of the fact that no work is required of them on Sunday morning. If business does not improve and Landlord Allen cannot obtain either a liquor or pool license, he may be compelled to close the house for the summer.

Palmer is indeed a measley town at the present time, that disease having been almost epidemic for the past two weeks. The last week of the school term there were at least a quarter of the scholars in the high school out with the disease, and it is safe to say that for a couple of weeks there has been an average of at least 50 cases. There are the German measles and the plain ordinary, every-day kind, and both seem to be doing well, the tariff seemingly having no effect on the imported kind. The two are distinctly separate, and the having of one is no protection from the other; in fact one or two patients have had both within a few weeks. Those of the school children who have been afflicted recently think it a rather mean trick to have the disease strike in just as vacation came on.

Irving Clark, John Hatfield, Charles Roberts and Walter Taylor, all of that class of "traveling men who have not where to lay their heads," came in from the east on a freight Monday evening. Near the bridge which crosses the railroad at Tennyville they discovered a deserted bonfire, evidently kindled by some of their fraternity. As it was a pleasant evening, nice and moonlight, they decided to bivouac there for the night, so they replenished the fire and made themselves very comfortable. They were observed by a citizen living in that locality, who reported it to the police. Officer Northrop went down and arrested them. They were arraigned in court Tuesday morning on the charge of track walking, and were fined $20 each. Not being able to pay, they were committed.

The annual meeting of the fire district was held in the court room Tuesday afternoon. Only a small number were present and the meeting was very quiet. C. E. Fish was chosen moderator. The reports of the various officers were read and accepted, and these appropriations made: Water, $1200; firemen, $400; chief engineer, $150; first assistant, $25; second assistant, $20; janitor, $96; engineer, $50; stoker. $20; coal, $40; contingencies, $200; total, $2226. It was voted that interest at the rate 6 per cent per annum be added to taxes remaining unpaid September 1st. There was only one ticket in the field, and these officers were elected: Prudential committee, W. E. Stone, E. G. Hastings, Rufus Flynt; chief engineer, G. A. Bills; first assistant, C. E. Fuller; second assistant, A. E. Fitch; clerk and treasurer, F. D. Barton; auditor, C. E Fish.

The first ball game of the season was played on the Driving Park Saturday afternoon, when the high schools, just for a little practice, tried conclusions with a picked nine, made up mostly of former college men, which resulted in a victory for the high schools, 21 to 13. The features of the game were the batting and fielding of Hastings, a beautiful throw from deep center by that clever ball-tosser, Archie Long, to the plate, cutting off a score, the first base playing of Studley and the battery work of Tuthill and A. Shaw. As the high schools were not called upon to exert themselves a fair judgment of their abilities cannot be made, but they showed good form and with practice will make a hard team to beat. In Shaw they have a good backstop. He has had three years' experience on the team, and is a good thrower and hitter. Tuthill will probably do the twirling his year. He has good speed and curves, and displays good judgment.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society held a meeting in Secretary F. D. Barton's store Monday and discussed new features and attractions for the annual fair. It was decided to have a dog show, and there will also be a baby show. Another feature will be the furnishing of an auctioneer to sell stock. The stock to be sold will have to be entered as if for exhibition, and will be sold by the auctioneer for a small commission. It is the intention of the directors to make the coming fair more attractive than former ones, and these new features will be added with that end in view. These committees were appointed to create an interest among the farmers and others, to make as large an exhibition as possible in the different classes: Horses, G. C. Flynt of Monson, C. D. Richardson of West Brookfield, C. K. Gamwell and C. W. Johnson of Palmer and C. P. Bolles of Wilbraham; cattle, O. E. Bradway of Monson, E. Bliss of Wilbraham, C. D. Richardson of West Brookfield and G. W. Sherman of Brimfield; sheep and swine, D. R. McCray of Hampden, E. R. Carpenter of Charlton City and F. H. Johnson of Monson; poultry, A. D. Norcross and F. D. Rogers of Monson. G. H. B. Green, of Belchertown and J. F. Foley of Palmer; fruit and vegetables, G. H. B. Greene of Belchertown, E. Bliss of Wilbraham, Wilson Tucker and F. D. Rogers of Monson; flowers, F. D. Rogers of Monson, D. L. Bodfish and Mrs. J. F. Holbrook of Palmer; bread, cake, butter, cheese and honey, Miss Ida Bolles of Wilbraham, Miss Josie Fay and H. D. Vaille of Monson and A. B. Howard of Belchertown.

THREE RIVERS.

Miss Nettie Trickett is visiting friends in Waltham this week.

Miss Alice Sikes of Springfield spent Sunday at her home in this place.

An Easter concert will be given in the Union church next Sunday evening.

Miss Webb of Springfield spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Warriner.

Eddie Barry of Boston spent a few days with his uncle, J. H. Trickett, last week.

Miss Mable Cleveland is working again, after being out sick a few days last week.

B. J. Avery, now working in Suffield, Ct., spent Sunday with his family in this place.

Mrs. Homer Shaw gave a tea party to her Sunday school class last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Moore was called to Millbury last week to see her sister, who is dangerously sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Paine spent Sunday in Springfield with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Putnam.

Miss Amy Cooley and mother spent a few days in Springfield last week, with Miss Cooley's sister.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10.45 a. m., subject, "The message of the Easter bells." Evening service to be announced.

William Kuss, who had a painful operation performed at the hospital in Springfield about four weeks ago, has returned home and is able to work, but is not fully recovered from the operation.

All who listened to the lecture last month by Rev. T. B. Johnson of Lynn will be glad to know that Mr. Johnson has been engaged to lecture again on Tuesday evening, May 4th, in the Baptist church.

W. O. Twogood, who has been sick for six weeks, has resumed his work at the mill again, and Louis Perry of Ware, who has been doing Mr. Twogood's work while he was out, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKay has the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their 18-months-old daughter Evelyn. She was a very bright little girl, and was much petted by all who knew her.

BONDSVILLE.

Miss Katie Quirk of Holyoke was at her home over Sunday.

Miss Ora Parent of Smith College is home for the spring vacation.

Mrs. Frank Marsh was the guest of her sister, Mrs. David Lamb, the past week.

Moriarty Bros. have puchased a new chestnut horse for use on their grocery wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Holden gave a whist party of six tables Tuesday evening.

Viola Marsen gave a birthday party to her young friends at her home Monday afternoon.

H. A. Stevens has a new bicycle, a Rochester, and Gavin Bruce has a new Lenox.

Miss Vertine Aldrich of Amherst visited her cousin, Miss Marion Knowlton, a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Darling gave a whist party at their home on Crawford street last Saturday evening.

Miss Jennie Rehan, who has been staying at E. F. Stone's for several weeks, left Tuesday for her home in Maine.

John Beauregard, who has been a resident of this place for many years, moved his family to Brightwood this week.

W. E. Brown, clerk for O. A. Parent, has moved into the tenement owned by Mrs. L. W. Bond, formerly occupied by Charles Darling.

Rev. George W. Locke of Belchertown will deliver his lecture, "An Evening in Scotland," at the Methodist church this evening.

Louis Monat, sawyer for T. D Potter & Co., had a log roll on his foot this week, injuring it so he was obliged to quit work for a few days.

Philios Beauregard went to Springfield Monday to make arrangements for an artificial limb, to take the place of the one he had amputated last winter.

Only two applications have been filed for license in this village, Maurice Moriarty and Michael D. Sullivan. Mr. Moriarty seems to be the choice of the people.

Mrs. Richard Russell is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Harrington, at Boston. Mrs. Bishop of Gilbertville is taking care of her house during her absence.

Rev. Robert E. Smith returned this week from the Methodist conference at Lowell. Mr. Smith has been reappointed pastor of the local church for the ensuing year.

The sale of pews at the Methodist church for the ensuing year will take place next Monday evening. The sale will begin at 6.30 o'clock, and each seat will be sold to the highest bidder.

A Chinaman from Springfield was in the village Tuesday looking up a location for a Chinese laundry. He was quite a curiosity to the children, who followed him around the streets in droves.

A representative of the Palmer Electric Co. has been canvassing this village to see if enough subscribers could be secured to warrant the company in wiring the village for the domestic service. Quite a number signified their intention of putting in the lights. O. A. Parent will put them in his store, and C. L. Holden will put them in his new store when completed. It is also probable that the Methodist and Catholic churches will take the service, besides several private houses. It is said that the company will start the work very soon.

The game of hand ball seems to be occupying the attention of local sports this spring, to the exclusion of baseball or other sports. It is extremely doubtful if Bondsville will be represented on the diamond this season by any regular team, as several of the best players will be away and a strong team could not be raised in the place. Charlie Connor will leave soon for Bangor, where he will play this season; Dan Sullivan will play with the Amherst College team, and it is probable that Shea and M. Sullivan will catch on somewhere and get a little money out of the game before the season is very far advanced.

The re-dedication of the M. E. church will take place next Sunday, and an elaborate programme has been prepared. At 10.45 a. m. Rev. W. R. Newhall, principal of Wesleyan Academy, will preach. Mr. Newhall has the reputation of being a scholarly and eloquent speaker, and the church is exceedingly fortunate in securing his services. At 6 30 p. m. Rev. J. O. Knowles, D. D., the new presiding elder of the Western Massachusetts district, will preach. It is seldom that Bondsville people have an opportunity to hear two such speakers as these in one day, and it is probable there will be large audiences at both services. All former members, and all friends of the church in this vicinity are cordially invited to be present.

THORNDIKE.

Miss Ada Murdock is visiting friends in Worcester and Boston.

John F. Roche of Holy Cross College is visiting here with his parents.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish and wife spent a few days in Woburn the past week, at Mr. Gerrish's home.

Mrs. Malcom McKenzie returned home this week from a week's visit with friends in Pawtucket, R. I.

Jeremiah Brosnan will leave next week for North Adams, where he is to play on the North Adams ball team.

Miss Hogan and the Misses Flynn of Northampton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crimmins of Commercial street.

The Thorndike nine play their first game of the season it is expected to-morrow afternoon with the North Wilbrahams at the latter place.

Dr. J. F. Crowley, a Thorndike boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Crowley, was elected a member of the board of health for three years at Adams, recently.

Jeremiah J. Sugrue left here last week to join the Pawtuckets at Hartford, and will play his first game next week against the Bostons at Pawtucket.

Arthur Bond caught a handsome trout on Monday evening, which measured 14 inches and tipped the scales at 2 pounds. It was taken from Lawlor's brook.

Baker Sullivan, who lives on a farm in Belchertown, was in town on Tuesday looking after a Pole who left suddenly one day this week, taking with him a watch valued at $28.

James J. Griffin, who for a number of years has been foreman of the Thorndike Co's. machine shop, has resigned and has taken a position with the Morgan Envelope Co. of Springfield.

Holy Week was observed at St. Mary's Catholic church with special service on Monday. Masses were celebrated on Tuesday morning at 5 and 8 o'clock; several clergymen from the surrounding towns were present, including Rev. Fr. Donoghue of Palmer, Rev. Fr. Murphy of Bondsville, Rev. Frs. Sheean, Leary, and Needham of Ware.

The following musical program has been arranged for next Sunday at the Congregational church.

Organ Voluntary.
Anthem. "Alleluia! Christ is risen," — Denne
Anthem. "The Magdalene," — Warren
Response.
Offertory. "I come to thee," — McPhail
Postlude. Recessional March.

In the evening the Easter service Gethsemane will be given by the Sunday school, assisted by the choir.

The baseball season in Thorndike will, unless all signs fail, be one of the best in years. There is plenty of material in the village, and steps have already been taken toward organizing a team. The players are; Longtine and Sullivan, catchers; Kenedy, pitcher; Kennedy, ss; P. Murphy, 1b; Riley, 2b; W. Murphy, 3b; Chapman, cf; M. Longtine, rf; Hurley, lf. They will play their first game Saturday.

The following programme will be given at St. Mary's Catholic church on Easter Sunday. The service will commence at 8 a. m. with low mass; high mass will be celebrated at 11 a. m. with the following:

Vidi Aquem Chorus — Azeli
Kyrie — Burgyone
Gloria — Leonard in F
Credo — Stearns in E flat
Offertory—Regina "Coeli" — Millard
Sanctus — Stearns in D
Agnus Dei — Boadease

At vespers and benediction at 3 p. m. the following will be given:

Domine ad Adjuvandum—Chorus — Meyer
Dixit Dominus—Solo and Chorus — Meyer
Confitabor Beatus—Chants — Gregorian
Laudate Dominum—Solo and Chorus
Offertory—"He is Risen." — Taequin
Solo and Chorus
Magnificat—Solo and Chorus
O Salutaris—Solo and Chorus — Weigand
Tantum Ergo—Chorus and Organ — Bossaers

The following will constitute the choir—Sopranos, Mrs. Annie Miller, Miss Mary Flynn, Miss Minnie Murphy, Miss Lizzie O'Connor, Miss Nellie Crowley; altos, Mrs. Annie Holden, Miss Kate Loftus, Miss Bridgie Moran; baritones, John Stoke, J. F. Luman; organist, John F. Luman.

Death of an Old Resident.

Thomas Hutchinson, Sr., an old and well-known resident of this place for over 30 years, died at his home on Harvey avenue on Tuesday at 6 p. m., after an illness of several weeks, the cause of his death being old age. Mr. Hutchinson was 85 years old, and was born in Mayhole, Scotland, in 1812. Three sons, Thomas, William and John, besides several grandchildren, survive him. The funeral took place on Thursday at 2 p. m. from his late home.

Scalded With Hot Water.

Mrs. Joseph Come, who lives in one of Mrs. James Richards's houses on Main street, met with a serious accident on Thursday. She was lifting a boiler of water from the stove when she slipped and fell and was badly scalded and bruised about the breast and left arm, her head also being injured. Dr. Hendee was called to attend her. Much sympathy is expressed for the family, as Mr. Come is also ill with blood poisoning, the result of a cut with an ax while chopping a few days ago.

MARRIED.

At Brimfield, 31st ult, by Rev. Mr. Kyle, L. S. Bowen of Brookfield and Ida E. Butler of Palmer

DIED.

At Monson, 15th, Mary A., 55 y., 4 m., widow of the late Alvin A. Gage.
At Monson, 4th, Persis Squier, 70.
At Ware, 11th, John Fitzgerald, 50.
At Ware, 12th, Miss Medora Mathieu, 22.
At Ware, 12th, Mrs. Alexander Woods, 30.
At Hampden, 9th, William F. Sessions, 95 y., 6 m.
At Des Moins, Iowa, Feb. 6th, Alvin Bliss, 61, formerly of Monson.

FOR SALE.—Two new milch cows.
2-3 C. T. BRAINERD, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue.
44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

A LOT of second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. GEO. W. LYMAN, Palmer, Mass.

CARPENTERS WANTED, at the Boston Duck Co's. Mills, Bondsville. Apply to H. A. STEVENS, Master Mechanic. 3-1

TENEMENT TO RENT.—In house of C. L. Gardner on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 2-tf

FOR SALE.—The Dwight M. Stebbins homestead in Three Rivers. Enquire of
tf-47 C. L. GARDNER, Palmer.

PAINT SHOP TO RENT.—Also upper tenement in Dewey house on South Main street. Apply to W. W. LEACH. 31-tf

FOR SALE.—Three to four tons good Stock Hay Price low. Inquire of H. H. PAINE, Palmer, Mass.

I WISH to purchase for cash, Old United States and Revenue Stamps.
Address, H. W. McGREGORY, Box C, Palmer, Mass.
32-tf

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—House corner of Thorndike street and Foster avenue.
Hay 65c 100 pounds.
3-tf C. W. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE.—Wood lot, about 60 acres, and farm about 100 acres, situated three miles south of Warren, belonging to the E. Willis estate.
H. W. SIBLEY, Administrator, Ware, Mass.
2-2

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Light Brahmas, Buff Cochin, Black Poland; White Poland, Bantams; Silver Hamburgs, Black Minoreos, $1 per 13.
JOHN RILEY, Box 2, Thornkike, Mass.
3-3

TRUCKING.
All kinds of trucking, moving, etc., done to order, and carefully attended to. Garden plowing. A share of your orders solicited. Stand and slate at Buck's Hardware Store. C. H. JOHNSON.

PIGS.
Litter of nine very choice ones. Inquire at E. E. BUCK & CO'S. Hardware Store, or of G. A. BUCK, Main street, Palmer. 2-4

WANTED.—Experienced Operators on W. & G. Straw Machines. Men's and Boys' Hats. Apply at once. NELSON & LADOW, Upton, Mass.
10-46

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-1f

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property near "Parksville" in Brimfield, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
C. W. JOHNSON.
Palmer, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

EGGS FOR HATCHING.
Choice stock. Single Comb Brown Leghorn, per setting of 13, $1.00; Barred Plymouth Rock, per setting of 13, $1.00; White Plymouth Rock, per setting of 13, $1.00.
Inquire of EDWIN A. BUCK, JR., Main street, or leave orders at E. A. Buck & Co's. Hardware Store. 2-4

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 9th, 1897.
The Committe on Water Supply will give a hearing to parties interested in a message from the Governor transmitting a communication from the Trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics, asking for an appropriation for a water supply for said Hospital, at room No. 436, State House, on Wednesday, April 21st, at 10 o'clock a. m.
ERNEST W. ROBERTS, Chairman.
GEO. M. RICE, Clerk of the Committee. 3-1

Steam Carpet Cleaning.
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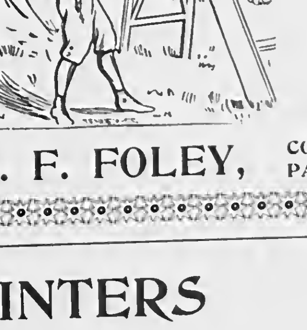

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Springfield Every Thursday.

T. H. Todd goes to Springfield Thursday of every week, and will do errands in any line of business. Charges 10c to 25c, depending on size and weight.

Death of Mrs. Mary A. Gage.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary A. Gage heard with deep regret of her sudden death at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at her home on Main street of grippe poison. Mrs. Gage had been enjoying fairly good health until Thursday night of last week. She had been attending a lecture at the Congregational church, and after reaching home was taken suddenly ill. The deceased before marriage was Mary A. Merrick McMaster, and was born December 12, 1841, at Ware. She was the daughter of Theron and Caroline McMaster, and was one of six children, two of whom survive her, Harriet K., wife of Frank D. Beach, and W. Charles McMaster, both of this place. She was married December 31, 1867, in Palmer to Alvin A. Gage, who died suddenly May 25, 1895.

Mrs. Gage was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and a prominent member of the Dorcas Society of the Congregational church. She was a regular attendant at the Congregational church, and since her residence in Monson has gained the respect and friendship of a host of friends who will mourn her death. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late residence, Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating, and the burial will be in the Center cemetery.

George W. Brown of Yale College is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Samuel Howard is quite ill at her home on Hampden avenue.

J. C. Maguire has resigned his position with the W. N. Flynt Granite Co.

Thomas Purcell has gone to Albany, N. Y., where he has secured employment.

Cady Blanchard is quite sick with pneumonia at his home on Moulton Hill.

Arthur S. Tucker of Cromwell, Ct., has been spending a few days with friends in town.

There will be concerts at all three of the Protestant churches Sunday night at the usual hour.

Miss Lillian Brown of Ware is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, on High street.

Most of the mills are to shut down Monday, and the stores will be kept open only until 10 o'clock.

The Woman's Relief Corps is making preparation for an entertainment to be given in Memorial Hall May 4th.

The outside wood-work at the Universalist church is receiving a coat of paint under the direction of E. J. Osborn.

Mrs. George W. Margeson of Winthrop is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hathaway, on Hampden avenue.

George L. Fuller, who has been in Michigan for the past few months for his health, returned yesterday much improved.

Edward McKernan and James Lewis have severed their connection at Cushman's mill and accepted positions in Stafford.

Miss Bridget McQuade has resigned her position as clerk in Charles Merrick's store, and will take a course at Childs's business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner Noble were called to Becket Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Noble's brother, who died very suddenly at that place.

Charles Callahan has resigned his position as assistant mail messenger on Ralph Clifford's mail wagon. His place has been taken by N. P. Hanley.

Rev. F. E. Jenkins, pastor of the Congregational church at Palmer, preached at the special service in the Congregational church Tuesday evening.

Leonard G. Cushman has purchased a building lot of Edward F. Morris on Harrison avenue, and is having plans drawn for a house which he will commence building in a short time.

Rev. A. R. Nichols, formerly of Warren, has been appointed to the place of W. H. Marble, who has been given a place at Lawrence. Mr. Marble will leave to-morrow for his new field.

The number of scholars attending the Academy at present is 103, about the usual number for the spring term, although it is a falling off from the number attending during the winter term.

The Linophilian society of the Academy has elected the following officers for the spring term; President, George F. Thacker; vice president, C. H. Converse; treasurer, R. P. Gavin; secretary, E. S. Fuller.

The St. Cecilia Dramatic Club will give two farces, "Day after the Fair," and "The Irish Justice," in Memorial Hall next Thursday evening. These farces will be given for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

At the adjourned parish meeting of the Congregational church Tuesday evening appropriations were made as follows: Pastor's salary, $1600; music $750; janitor, $250; the balance of money raised will go to pay contingent expenses. W. H. Pease was appointed janitor.

T. H. Todd makes a business trip to Springfield every Thursday, and will do errands in any line of business for all who may so desire. His charge will be from 10 to 25 cents, depending on the size and weight of the package, and orders left at his store will receive prompt and careful attention.

The Easter music at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be as follows:

Organ Voluntary.	
"As it began to dawn."	Coombs
"The Magdalene."	Warren
"A song for Easter."	Allen
Offertory.	
Hymn.	Mozart
Organ postlude.	

The Academy chapel was filled Wednesday evening to hear the reading of Eugene Field's poems by his daughter, Mary French Field. Miss Field gave eighteen of her father's poems, and three more were sung by Mrs. A. D. Norcross, and all who attended were delighted with the entertainment. Remarks concerning Mr. Field's life in Monson were made by Rev. James Tufts.

The following will be the concert programme at the ball in Memorial hall next Monday evening:

Overture—"Orpheus."	Offenbach
Concert Solo—"Old Friends." Mr. F. S. Paulisch.	Paulisch
Selection—"Maritana."	Wallace
Piccolo Solo.—"Will-o'-the-Wisp." Mr. J. S. Holmstrand.	Cox
"Around the Vaudevilles."	DeWill
Mr. Ben Chadwick, in his latest songs.	
March—"El Capitan."	Sousa

The annual parish meeting of the Universalist church was held Monday evening. The following officers were elected: Parish committee, Arthur D. Ellis, William J. Ricketts, A. A. Babbitt, George A. Harvey and Eugene Howlett; clerk, William L Ricketts; treasurer, Charles W. King. The usual appropriations were made. The treasurer's report gave the society a good financial showing for the past year.

The Easter music at St. Patrick's church next Sunday will be as follows, the choir being assisted by Brown's orchestra and Miss Holley of Worcester, soprano:

MORNING SERVICE—10.30.

Kyrie.	Emerson
Gloria.	Taoner
Offertory. Ave Maria.	
Sanctus.	Emerson
Agnus Dei.	Emerson

EVENING SERVICE—7.30.

Rosewig's Vespers.	
O Salutaris.	Panofko
Tantum Ergo.	Rossi

Monson people were greatly surprised at reading in a Sunday's New York paper the account of the shooting affair with which Harry Homer, a former employe of Heimann & Lichten, was connected. Homer worked here about two years ago, and since he left here has drifted around a good deal. Last week he was discharged from a restaurant where he was employed, and he threatened to shoot the man who discharged him. Friday night he fulfilled his threat and shot and killed the manager of the restaurant, John Russell. Homer was arrested and held without bail.

The following verse to the Pussy Willow was written by Miss Jennie Beckwith, twelve and a half years old:

Pussy Willow, furry thing,
Opening in the early spring;
She is dressed all in gray;
Soon she shall be very gay;
Then she will have golden curls,
Brighter gold than kings or earls.
On a branch she waves in air,
With her golden curls so fair.
All her neighbors are so near,
Pussy has but one fear:
That Jack Frost will kill her dears,
Then there will be pussies none.
Robin at poor pussy jeers,
Says, "Pussy 's 'fraid to freeze her ears."
Pussy wears a hood of gray,
Leaves it off, no, not a day.
Now Robin feels so shy,
Pussy 's laid her gray hood by,
And that's why Robin hides his head,
That is what Mother Nature said.

The committee of seven appointed at the annual town meeting to recommend the amounts for appropriations for the coming year met in Memorial hall Monday afternoon to discuss the different articles. Dr. Rand and Rev. Harry Blackford spoke on the school question, and urged that the committee advocate larger appropriations for school purposes, that more money would be needed than usual on account of the large class which would enter the Academy this year. Samuel Closson spoke in favor of the article pertaining to the sidewalk on Margaret street and to Flynt's quarry. Mr. Blackford also spoke on the article in regard to raising money to suppress the illegal sale of liquor, and asked that a reasonable amount be raised to enforce the law. The committee will not make known its recommendations until the adjourned meeting next Tuesday. As there is considerable interest in some of the appropriations, it is expected that the meeting will be well attended.

That "Committee of Seven."

Editor Journal:—I desire to impress upon the voters of Monson the great importance of their presence at the town meeting next Tuesday afternoon. It is evident that the "Committee of Seven" have some scheme to spring upon us. Their session was a secret one and not a word can be learned from one of the seven what they propose to recommend. Why this great privacy? In the first place, look at the "Committee of Seven"—every one a Republican—each attended the Republican caucus. Who instigated the idea of a committee? Who suggested the names that were chosen? Why were not the farmers and Democrats considered? Now it is the duty of every farmer to be present. It is reported that the "Committee of Seven" are to recommend three thousand dollars or more for all-night electric light service. This is all nonsense—let those who have occasion to remain out after midnight carry a lamp. Neither do the farmers want to gratify the whims of a few owning fast horses and pay for a trotting park on our flat. A person interested in macadam attended the secret session and recommended four thousand dollars for macadam and two thousand dollars for repairs—just the reverse of last year. Now what would become of our outlying roads? The macadam road is a good thing and appreciated by bicycle riders and all, and it has been proven the cheapest road in the end to build, but one or two thousand dollars a year is sufficient to expend, and that amount will, within a very few years, lay the way from Rogers' store to North Monson.

The matter of the school appropriation wants looking out for. We have a good school committee and they have recommended what they want—now don't let this "Committee of Seven" bulldoze us into anything else. We were caught in that way as to our water rates, (but fortunately that vote won't stand), taken right out of the water commissioners' hands. The school committee tells us what money they can get along with—if the trustees of Monson Academy want more let them put their hands in their own pockets, not into those of the taxpayers. This "Committee of Seven" was all wrong anyway. Just because Palmer has it is no reason why we should. We voters have minds of our own, and the time and place to talk over the affairs of the town is at the regular town meeting—not after one sees who the selectmen are to be. The present board are a set of good men—all have done business for themselves and can do it for the town. Let every voter attend the town meeting Tuesday, (the law allows you to go—it is different from going to a minstrel parade), and don't allow the appropriations made and passed upon without a good argument; and if the town appropriates four thousand dollars for macadam roads, see that three-quarters of it is put out on the country roads.

A VOTER.

LUDLOW.

The annual meeting of the Ludlow Savings Bank was held Monday and these officers elected: President, George D. Green; vice presidents, Dr. J. W. Hannum, Michael H. Lyons, Octave A. LaRiviere; clerk and treasurer, George A. Birnie. The old board of trustees were reëlected. The bank was established in 1888, and has had a good run of business and is now in a prosperous condition.

WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Jerome Pease is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hubbard, in Somers, Ct.

Mrs. Joseph Gillette of New York has been the guest of friends in town this week.

F. E. Clark has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late John Speight.

Rev. Fayette Nichols and Rev. W. R. Newhall, principal of Wesleyan Academy, have been attending the Methodist conference in Lowell.

The selectmen have organized with Jason Butler chairman, F. W. Green secretary and Henry Clark superintendent of roads. The school committee has organized with Dr. H. G. Webber chairman and E. Bliss secretary.

The school societies of Wesleyan Academy have elected the following officers: Old Club—President, Charles Perkins; secretary, Paul Penzotte; treasurer, J. Burt Gildersleeve. Philo—President, James A. Corscaden; vice president, O. W. Snow; secretary, H. W. Thompson; treasurer, Thomas Kenworthy.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. Maria Walker, widow of the late Marcus Beebe, observed her eightieth birthday last Friday. Mrs. Walker has been a life-long resident of the town, and has many friends who joined with her in the celebration of the important event. She is enjoying good health, and it is hoped that she will be spared to observe many more birthdays.

Death of William F. Sessions.

Dea. William F. Sessions, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Hampden, died Friday evening at his home, Hillside Farm. Mr. Sessions had reached the great age of 95 years and six months, and his death was due to a general breaking down of the system. He was descended from old Revolutionary stock, his father, Robert Sessions, having participated in the war for independence and assisted in throwing overboard the tea in Boston harbor. Mr. Sessions had always made his home in Hampden, and was influential both in the town and church. He had held the offices of selectman and assessor, and was a representative to the General Court. He leaves a son, William R. Sessions, the well-known secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and a daughter, Mrs. Lydia Woodruff. The funeral was held from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

WEST WARREN.

Work on the electric road will be begun next week.

The West Warren Brass Band has disbanded for a season.

Messrs. J. C. Grant and Andrew Martin spent Sunday in Holyoke.

Miss Kate Bresnan closed her school on Monday forenoon on account of a fall.

Mrs. Towne of Three Rivers and Mrs. O. A. Parent of Bondsville visited their sister, Mrs. Charles O. Walker, this week.

The Boston and Albany railroad has begun to work on the crossing near the West Warren Coöperative store. It will be moved about 200 feet east of its present location, to the ground where the band stand stands.

Mills to Shut Down.

A sensational item in some of the daily papers last week announced that the cotton mills were to shut down indefinitely, and that all help, from agent to bobbin-boy, had been notified to find employment elsewhere. It was stated that "women cried and men swore," and that business men were paralyzed at the prospect, after a long financial depression. While it is true that the mills are to shut down, it is not so bad as has been stated. The shut-down is on account of the large quantity of stock on hand, and the dullness of the market. The stock in process of manufacture is being worked up, and the departments will be entirely idle. The shut-down will not probably last more than a few months, and it is expected that the mills will start again in the fall.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Ida Brown of Miss Simonds' kindergarten training school, Boston, is at home for the Easter vacation.

Horatio Converse will move into his store in the near future. The tenement above the store will be ready for occupancy soon.

Miss Hetty Sumner celebrated her birthday at the home of Oscar F. Brown by giving a party to a number of her friends and relatives.

Mrs. Edwin Webber, who has been spending the winter with her son, Charles Webber, in Boston, has returned to Brimfield for a few weeks.

The old Brimfield lodge of the Farmers' grange has been revived, and a meeting was held Monday evening in the town hall at which the officers were installed.

The building of the hotel is no longer uncertain. A meeting of the stockholders was held in the town house Saturday morning towards the formation of a company. Stock to the amount of nearly $8000 has been subscribed for, and several other parties interested in its erection will also subscribe.

The following speakers for the annual prize speaking contest of the Hitchcock Free High School have been chosen: Mason Wells, Andrew Magill, Frank Converse, George Daniels, Misses Alice Whittemore, Agnes Monahan, Jennie Pinney, Eva Hathaway, Helen Wells. Three prizes have already been offered, one by Fred Andrews of Brooklyn, N. Y., and two by Salem D. Charles of Boston. The time has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be the last of the term.

WALES.

Constable Jones speared a $4\frac{1}{2}$ pound sucker in the brook this week.

Miss Mae Power Royce of Boston spent a few days among friends this week.

An agent from E. A. Buck & Co. of Palmer will be at Chamberlains & Co's. store to-morrow with a full line of bicycles on exhibition.

W. A. Lyon & Co. have just received from New York a large line of millionery and fancy goods, and have their opening to-day and to-morrow.

A bankrupt stock of clothing is advertised in Needham's block. Why is it that so many clothing sales advertised now-a-days are called "bankrupt stock?" It would do peoples, eyes good to see one sign announcing good staple goods for sale at fair prices.

An agent of the Wrought Iron stove Co. was here this week and finally concluded to take back the range that was left a family last summer rather than to get nothing for it. This is the third agent who has been here and tried to bully pay for the range. This ends the chapter of the mule team.

About a week ago Willie R. Lothrop left town with a large trunk, without telling his neighbors why and where he was going, various conjectures fill the minds of newsmongers as to his destiny. Rumors are afloat that he is engaged in a wholesale bicycle store, where he is chief manager, or in a commission house in New York; others surmise by the thorough repairs and extensive preparations made by his parents in and on the home that he will return with a bride. Such procedure is not right; notice should be given by people in such cases, and save the curious ones from wasting so much time in worrying about their neighbors, affairs.

BELCHERTOWN.

F. L Plaintiff has been appointed truant officer.

E. S. Hopkins has returned from Auburndale, where he has spent the winter.

Fred Normanden of Fitchburg has taken the contract to lay the concrete walks.

E. F. Towne has sold a building lot on Maple street to George Norton of Ware.

E. J. Griggs post will give a dance in Grand Army hall next Monday evening.

The Belchertown creamery paid for cream during the month of February .03 per space.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Glines of Barnstead, N. H., have been visiting in town this week.

E. B. Hitchcock, who has been spending the winter in New York, has returned home.

Rev. G. W. Locke has been reappointed pastor of the Belchertown Methodist church and the chapel at Dwights.

The Clapp Memorial library opened Thursday, after being closed for two weeks. The hours are from 2 until 5 p. m.

There is some probability of the old folks' concert company repeating the programme given here Thursday evening out of town.

An instructive teachers' institute was held in the high school last Friday. The meeting was addressed by Supt. Parkinson of Amherst and G. F. Fletcher.

A ball team has been organized with J. A. Griffin captain and M. A. Hubbard manager. White of Amherst has been secured as pitcher. The team will be open for engagements after May 1st.

Baker Sullivan, a well-known farmer of South Belchertown, would like to know the whereabouts of a Polander who has been in his employ and suddenly left for parts unknown, taking with a watch valued at $28.

A forest fire was set by an engine of the New London Northern railroad Tuesday afternoon which burned over fifty acres of wood and sprout land owned by Alonzo and L. A. Randolph and Raymond L. Goodell. About 30 cords of green wood were also burned.

The directors of the R. H. Long Shoe Manufacturing Company held their quarterly meeting last week. R. H. Long was chosen president of the board and J. M. Clough secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of C. L. Warden; J. R. Gould, J. M. Clough and W. S. Barton were chosen auditors. Work at the shop is brisk, and orders are coming in good.

WARE.

R. Fairbanks has bought the street watering cart and horses of W. W. Barnes.

The selectmen have changed their weekly meetings from Tuesday to Monday evenings.

Mrs. Alexander Woods, 30, died Monday afternoon of heart disease. She leaves a husband and two children.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Cora M., daughter of B. F. Davis, and F. A., son of F. W. Farrar of Ware, which will take place the 28th.

The play, "Nevada, or the Lost Mine," will be presented in the town hall Monday evening under the auspices of the Young Men's Lyceum Association.

A thief entered Trinity Episcopal church last Saturday and was discovered as he was trying to empty the contents of the contribution box, but made his escape.

F. R. Cunningham, watch and clock repairer in the Hampshire house block, is to move to Boston soon. Mr. Cunningham has taken a position in a large jewelry store of Wilson Brothers on Tremont Row.

John Fitzgerald, 50, the well known expressman, died Sunday night of quick consumption. Four sons survive him. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from All Saints' church with requiem mass.

An employe while cleaning one of the large plate glass windows in Hitchcock and Co's. store Wednesday had the misfortune to stumble, and in falling broke the plate. The cost of the glass is understood to be about $150.

Town Lawyer Schoonmaker has been notified by the clerk of the superior court at Northampton that a commission will be appointed in regard to the abolition of five grade crossings in town. This is the result of the hearing that was held at Northampton some time ago.

These applications for license have been filed with the selectmen: George Haley in Kane's block on Water street; John Hennessy, Water street; James Nelville, Water street; M. J. and Owen McArdle, East street; William Metcalf and Henry M. Grigware, in Albertine's block on Main street.

Miss Medora Mathieu, 22, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mathieu, died at her home Monday evening of Bright's disease. Miss Mathieu was a bright young woman and had a large circle of friends who regret her death. Besides her parents she leaves five sisters and one brother. The family is well known in Ware and has the sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

The annual reunion of the Union exprisoners of war association of Western Massachusetts will be held in Grand Army hall Monday. The business meeting will be held at 11 a m. Dinner will be served by the Relief Corps and Grand Army. Among the speakers will be Capt. "Jack" Adams of Boston, W. P. Derby and S. C. Warriner of Springfield, Rev. Marion Crosley of Norwich. Miss Nettie Shaw of Belchertown will read several appropriate selections. The Boston and Maine railroad offers reduced rates.

WARREN.

Mrs. Charles Comins is spending a time with friends in Hartford.

The Tuesday Club met with Mrs. F. W. Kimball Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Helen Demond is home from Smith College for the Easter vacation.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Edgar Butterworth last Friday.

A delegation of Odd Fellows went to Ware Tuesday night for degree work.

Mrs. Hobart K. Whitaker of Brattleboro is visiting at her home on Crescent street.

The families of Messrs. McConison and Gendron have returned to East Cambridge.

Miss Jennie Sadler of Springfield has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Asabel Fairbank, this week.

A party of gentlemen went to Wales yesterday afternoon in the interest of the proposed electric road.

The recital given by Mrs. Hannibal Williams Friday evening was enjoyed by those who attended. On account of the stormy weather the audience was small.

Rev. Wesley Wiggins of Hubbardston has an appointment to the Methodist church in Warren, and Rev. A. R Nicholas will go to Monson. Rev. John Mason is appointed for West Warren.

Passion week is observed at the Congregational church by services every evening, and also a service for children at four o'clock in the afternoon. Monday evening there was a union service at the Universalist church; sermon by Rev. W. B. Forbush, with music by the chorus of both churches.

The lodges of the seventeenth Masonic district will hold an exemplification of their work in Masonic hall next Monday. Day Spring Lodge of Monson, Mt. Zion Lodge of Barre, Vernon Lodge of Belchertown, Bethel Lodge of Enfield, Quaboag Lodge of Warren, Eden Lodge of Ware and Thomas Lodge of Palmer will participate.

The community w s much shocked this morning to receive news of the sudden death of Mrs. Anna King Collins of Nashua, N. H. Mrs. Collins was a granddaughter of the late Joseph Ramsdell of Warren, and also of Col. King of Palmer, and had a wide circle of friends and relatives in both towns. A mother, Mrs. Aaron King, a husband and a son survive her.

The village Improvement Society held its annual meeting at Library Hall Tuesday evening, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Mary S. Hitchcock; vice presidents, Miss Edith Chadsey and Mr. C. N. Shepard; secretary and treasurer, D. G. Hitchcock; with executive committee consisting of fifteen members. The society has planned for a busy campaign this season, including tree planting, street cleaning, the protection of shade trees by the roadside, etc. Arbor Day will be observed as usual, and it is hoped to have the coöperation of the schools in this matter.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to extend sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors, also to the members of the Union Evangelical Church, who so kindly remembered us in the time of our bereavement of our infant daughter Evelyn.

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER MCKAY.

Three Rivers, April 14th, 1897.

CARD OF THANKS.—I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all who, by their kind words and deeds, aided me in my recent bereavement.

MRS. L. E. CARPENTER.

Palmer, April 16, 1897.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

ALL THE NEWS.

Cycling and Other Sports Find Fulles Reports in the Boston Journal.

In these days of wheels and wheeling the newspaper which devotes attention to the interests of bicycle riders is sure to meet with exceptional popularity. That is the case with the *Boston Journal*, which contains a daily department specially calculated to attract bicycle riders. All the news of the cycling world is chronicled there, and each day is published a great number of interesting and valuable suggestions to attract the owner and rider of a wheel. In addition to these features of the *Daily Journal;* the *Boston Journal* devotes still more space to the interests of wheelmen, and all the latest news of the leading cycling organizations of New England are to be found there, while interesting photographic pictures of racers and famous riders are preserved by all who are fond of the sport. Lovers of athletics turn naturally to the *Journal* because they know the best and most accurate sporting news is to be found in its columns. One of the special features of the coming summer will be the series of letters on base ball by John F. Morrill, the famous ex-Captain of the Boston team. His breezy letters on the national game will be published in the *Boston Sunday Journal*, and will be read with equal interest by those who play the game and those who are fond of seeing a fine contest. Remember, Capt. John F. Morrill writes exclusively for the *Boston Sunday Journal*.

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

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Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she said it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption; tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Cold. Free trial bottles of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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Ladies' Russet Oxfords, Needle and Opera Toe, former price $2.00,
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Men's Heavy Shoes, Lace or Congress, former price, $2.25 and 2.50,
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Men's Calf Lace or Congress Shoes, Needle Toe, former price $2.50,
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Nottingham Lace Curtains,	50c, 75c, $1, 1.13, 1.25, 1.50 pair.
Calico Wrappers,	75c, $1, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75
Children's White Aprons,	33c, 39c
Muslin Underwear, Drawers,	25c, 30c, 50c, 75c
Night Robes,	50c, 75c, 87c
Skirts,	90c
Corset Covers,	10c, 15c, 25c, 33c

GROCERIES.

Prunes,	6c lb., 5 lbs., 25c
Strictly Fresh Eggs,	15c dozen.
Fine Lemons, 10c dozen, three dozen,	25c
Laundry Starch,	5c lb., 6 lbs., 25c
Lenox Soap,	35 bars for $1
Coffee, good,	25c lb.
California Oranges, sweet, very fine,	30 and 40c dozen.
Edam Cheese in foil, full weight,	90c each.
Cream Baking Powder,	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. can, 15c, 1 lb., 30c
Van Houten's Cocoa,	25c can.
Plymouth Rock Gelatine, white and pink,	15c package.
Apples, Baldwin,	20c peck.

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Straw Mattings,	10c, 15c, 20c, 25c a yard.
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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1897:

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House on Saturday, the first day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all Polls (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate, as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interests therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be proportioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessor's office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16 "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceeding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

H. T. BISHOP, JOHN O. HAMILTON, A. A. WARRINER, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, Mass, April 7th, 1897. 3-3

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Newton S. Hubbard, late of Brimfield, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Mary W. Ormes of Brimfield, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the fifth day of May, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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Leave Amherst, 7.05 a. m., 12.14 and 5.57 p. m.
Leave Palmer, 8.25 a. m., 1.40 and 7.15 p. m. for New London and intermediate stations.
Leave Willimantic for New London, 8.35, 9.45 a. m. 2.57, 6.40 and 8.45 p. m.

GOING NORTH.

Leave New London, 5.20 and 7.40 a. m. and 2.40 p. m. for Palmer, Brattleboro and intermediate stations.
Leave New London for Willimantic and intermediate stations, 10.00 a. m. and 5.25 p. m.
Leave Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20, 11.00 a. m. and 7.10 p. m. connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.
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GOING EAST

Boston—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14, p. m. Sundays 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—leave Boston 8.45 a. m., 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Coldbrook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m., 4.28, 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m., 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 5.55 a. m.

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Could induce microscopical effort
In an anthropological man?
Could a flat phrenological failure,
With a physiological chill,
Love a sociological expert
With a meteorological thrill?
Could an archæological sprinter
Of a dark theological line
Give a nice theosophical treatise
On the eyes of my Nellie so blue?

Could assyriological talent
Make a sweet chronological chart
Of a mineralogical goldbug
With a true, anatomical heart?
Could a bibliographical genius,
With bacteriological hair,
Give an ecclesiastical lecture
On the city's zoological air?
Could a swift, technological howler
Or rabbinical exponent true,
Give a lexicographical reason
Why the eyes of my Nellie are blue?

Could a methodological blockhead,
Having craniological feet,
Paint a dry neurological picture
Of a wet geological street?
Could a smooth astrological fakir
With a teleological brain
Give a palæographical hoodoo
In a long ecclesiastical strain?
Do you think ethnological records,
Astronomical words, will imbue
With correct ideographical statements
As to why Nellie's eyes are so blue?

—*L. I. McElroy, in Chicago Record.*

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS.

MY RIVAL.

In sweet, still watches of the night
I sit and dream of you,
And live in memory once again
The days when you were true.

When I was first in all your thoughts
And each thought was of me;
But now another has my place,
No hope in store I see!

And I stand by with scarce a word;
Heart-broken? Ah, well, maybe!
But man forgives his rivals when
The rival is his baby.

—*New York Journal.*

Teacher—"What is raised mostly in damp climates?" Johnny—"Umbrellas."—*Adams Freeman.*

Perhaps one thing that accounts for the bachelor girl is the fact she only has to wash dishes for one.—*Truth.*

She sobbed violently. "Villian!" she hissed, "I am in your power!" "My child," he answered, sadly, "I haven't got any, I am Vice President of the United States."—*Puck.*

"The robbers began by uncoupling the dining car from the train." "I see. I suppose they wished to throttle competition."—*Detroit Tribune.*

"Sum men will go to the wah an' fight foh liberty," says Brother Watkins; "an' when dey get it dey can't keep out oh jail."—*Philadelphia Record.*

Reggy—"Do your folks think very much of me, Ethel?" Ethel—"Why, they think of nothing else, Reggy. They even lie awake nights—worrying."—*Judge.*

"Who was the most prominent person you saw while at the inauguration at Washington, Grumpy?" "The original McKinley man. I met over 100,000 of him."—*Detroit Free Press.*

"The streets of the New Jerusalem," said the Rev. Mr. Sprockets, "are paved with the smoothest asphalt, and truck delivery wagons are not allowed on the roads." There were 800 converts.—*London Figaro.*

"Dearest." He stopped reading his paper long enough to ask what his wife might want. "When they mark the dollar down to 53 cents, will it be every day, or only on Fridays?"—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Little Boreham (relating his Alpine adventures): "There I stood, the terrible abyss yawning at my feet." That Brute Brown: "Was it yawning when you got there, or did it start after you arrived?"—*Punch.*

Waiter—"What was your order, sir? I am sorry to say I have forgotten it." Customer—"I don't remember. I gave it so long ago, but I'll change it, for it would be out of season now anyway."—*Town Topics.*

Freddy—"What is a long felt want, papa?" Papa—"It is the sensation of the absence of something which you experience for days after a porous plaster has been removed from the middle of your back."—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

"I should like to have seen Trilby's foot," said the artistic woman. "Very fine, no doubt," murmured her inartistic husband, reminiscently, "but you should have seen the hand I held last night—four kings and an ace."—*Washington Star.*

The Teacher—"When a woman's husband dies, Patsie, what is she called?" Patsie—"A widder." The Teacher—"And when a man's wife dies what do we call him?" Patsie (after some thought)—"A wid-out-her, mum!"—*Pittsburg Bulletin.*

Green (to Black, who is preparing for a continental trip)—"How do you get on with your language, old fellow?" Black—"Capitally. Why, I've got so far now that I can think in French." Green—"Well, that's a blessing, for its more than you could ever do in English."—*Tid-Bits.*

"Buy your wheel from me sir," said an enterprising dealer to a prospective customer, "and I will make you a present of a cyclometer." "You are not the man I am looking for," replied the shopper. "I am trying to find a seller of cyclometers who will throw in a bicycle."—*Harper's Bazar.*

At a political meeting in Kansas during the late campaign a free-silver speaker was orating upon the subject of the "masses" and the "classes," and finally exclaimed, "Is not one man as good as another in this free country of ours?" A farmer in the audience cried out, "Sure, and a great deal better!"—*Harper's Round Table.*

He—"When I was in the West the last time, I had a very narrow escape from a burning hotel. I was awakened by the smoke, and with not a minute to spare rushed down the fire escape." She (breathlessly)—"O, what did you have on?" He (visibly embarrassed)—"Ah—hum—a very lively hustle, miss."—*Cardiff Western Mail.*

The story is told that Daniel Webster, when on his way by stage coach to Washington once, was looked upon with suspicion by his traveling companions. Finally one of the latter tapped him on the knee and said:

"How far are you going?"

"I am going to Washington," answered Webster.

"Are you a merchant?" continued the inquirer.

"No, I am a Senator," replied Webster.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the other, holding out his hand. "I am relieved. We feared you might be a highwayman."—*Harper's Round Table.*

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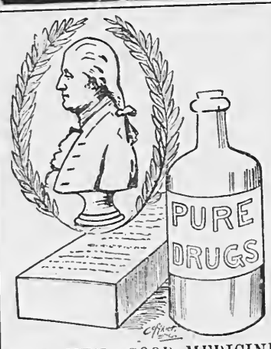

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AN EXPERIENCED MAN.— The girl with a pompon in her hat met the girl in the mink cape.

"I'll wager anything," said the pompon, "that Charley Hawes proposed to you last night."

"H-h-how do you know?" hesitated the mink cape, with a little blush.

"Oh, a little bird told me so."

"Well, I don't care who told you," said the mink cape desperately; "it was just too lovely for anything, and he did it beautifully, and didn't get a bit embarrassed."

"Of course, of course," admitted the pompon spitefully. "And why shouldn't he do it nicely? He's been practicing all summer."—*Detroit Free Press.*

DR. NANSEN AND THIRTEEN.—The safe return of the Fram is regarded as a knockdown blow to the thirteen superstition. There were thirteen men in her crew, of whom the thirteenth joined at the last moment. All returned safe and well, and none of them was ill at any time, or a cause of anxiety. Then, too, it was on the same day the Fram got quit of the ice, seven months to a day after (on January 13) she had struck a southerly current. To these coincidences it is added that three litters of thirteen pups were born in Nansen's pack of Eskimo dogs (though a greater number than six to a litter is unusual), and that just thirteen publishers bid for his book after his return.—*Harper's Round Table.*

A CRUEL MOTHER.—MRS. Bombazine Black, a handsome young widow, said to her son:

"Some of these days, Johnnie, when you are older, you will realize what a kind mother I have been to you and how much I love you."

Johnnie—"If you loved me, ma, you would have married a candy store man long ago."—*Texas Siftings.*

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Easter Spring Song.

There's a sound of spring in the balmy air,
As it sighs through the budding trees,
And a fragrant breath of the coming sweets
Is borne on the whispering breeze.

The Snowdrop turns on her curtained couch
And opens her sleepy eyes,
And says, as she peeps through her coverlet,
"I think it is time to rise."

The Crocus, hearing her neighbor astir,
Shoots up through the leafy mould,
And warmed and cheered by the sun's bright glow,
Opens her cups of gold.

Now sweet Arbutus peeps in and out,
With the fair Anemone,
And blue-eyed Violet droops her head,
So modest and shy is she.

And Pansy dons her velvet robes
At the sound of the wild bee's hum,
While Jack-in-the-Pulpit clambers up
To speak when his turn shall come.

And Robin Red-Breast trills a strain
From the depths of the scented grove,
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Don't ever let a careless letter leave your hand. Strive to be bright and chatty in your style; but, failing this, you can at best be neat and particular.

Don't think "My Dear" So and So betokens familiarity or affection. This is the prescribed form of address in formal notes to mere acquaintances as well as to your nearest and dearest. Of course, purely business epistles are commenced Dear Sir, preceded by the name and address. Don't sign letters of friendship or social notes with truly or respectfully—sincerely or cordially is considered much better form, and can be preceded by very or most, if preferred. Don't write notes, on octavo size paper. Billet is the size for notes, octavo for letters. Don't have a long envelope with the sheet folded twice if you wish to be correct. A square envelope with the sheet doubled in half is the proper vogue. Don't hesitate about using old blue bond paper, very many of society's leaders prefer and use it. Cream linen is always good taste.

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EASTER THOUGHTS.

It seems clear that a pure spirit will rise from the seed of a pure body, and a loving spirit from the seed of a loving body. If the body we sorrowfully put aside has been one full of charity, helpful, kindly, and eager to speak tender, pitying words—one that has thought no evil, and has believed all things, and hoped all things, and endured all things,—can any one doubt what should come of such a seed-planting? The natural comes first, and after that the spiritual. But "as is the natural, so is the spiritual." It is far more glorious, but, after all—the same!

So we may bring Easter, with its wonderful deep meaning, into the life of every day. How? By teaching ourselves to comprehend the truth that while we live this human life and develop this natural body, it is not alone the natural body we are creating, but the seed of the spiritual body which is to come after.

This is not a mystical doctrine. All those who in this life have attained some knowledge of their spiritual natures will testify to its truth.

The change from a natural to a spiritual living is like the growing of a plant whose seed we have sown. The right plant surely grows in a man who has sown the right seed.

As the spiritual nature of such a man begins to develop, the purer, higher elements in him grow stronger, and one by one the baser sort die. Hate dies, and revenge, and anger. Cruelty dies, and all unkindness. Narrowness of mind dies, and contempt for the frailties of others.

The part that lives and grows stronger is love. Purity and truth and courage are but parts of love, and, as it grows greater, by-and-by comes the sureness of knowledge, and faith itself is swallowed up in fruition.

This is the daily burial of the old man, who was "earthy," and the daily rising of the new, who is the "Lord from Heaven." To such a heart Easter comes every day.—*Harper's Bazar.*

AT THE WRONG WEDDING.

"If any man can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together let him now speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace."

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"May I ask you, sir, to repeat the names of those two persons who stand before you as candidates for matrimony?"

"George Washington Spoonamore and Josphine Shaw," answered the clergyman, astonished at the interruption.

"Go ahead with the marrying," rejoined the owner of the deep voice, clapping on his hat and starting for the door. "It's all right. I had just got here, and hadn't heard the names. The wedding I'm trying to stop must be in the church a block and a half below here."

A SERIOUS QUESTION.—A young housekeeper who lives in a small Kentucky town had occasion to reprimand her cook for neglecting her duties. "Well, Miss Laura, I'se been worrited," was the reply. "I'se studyin' a most 'portant question. Tell de trufe, I don' know which to get a winter cloak or a divorce."—From the "Editor's Drawer," in *Harper's Magazine* for April.

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AN EQUAL STANDARD OF MORALS.—"I believe absolutely in an equal standard of morals for men and women," writes Edward W. Bok in the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, replying to an inquirer. "Nor is this an ideal condition because it does not now exist. It is not at all unlikely that such equality will be the standard of the future. At all events for yourself live a pure life, so that you may be able to look every woman in the world in the face and have the greatest satisfaction that can come to a man; that when you marry you can give to the girl of your heart what you expect that she will bring to you: moral purity. It is the most solid of all foundation stones on which a man and a woman can begin a life of perfect understanding and happiness."

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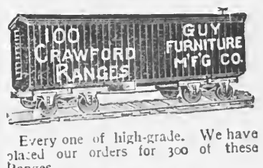

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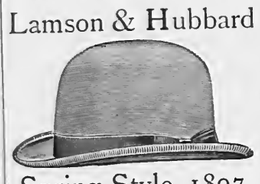

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over.
The lilies that rim it—the shadows that dim it—
and there, winding winsomely sweet,
Is the path that still leads to the old home through
rivery ripples of wheat!

And hark! 'tis the song of the reapers, and I
know by its jubilant ringing
There is gold in the gleam of the harvest, and love
in the hearts that are singing!
And still as of old to the ether its music mellifluous swells,
And the wind that sighs westward is swaying the
sweetest of Memory's bells.

Let me pass through the wheat and the clover,
O men and rose-maidens, who reap!
I, who come from the sound of the cities, like a
child to its mother would creep;
For through long years of tears and of toiling,
like harbor-bells over the foam
Your voices far winging and ringing were singing
me—singing me home!

And here, from the pain and the pleasure—from
the sorrow and sighing, I flee
As the birds when the storm-winds are blowing,
as the ships seek the haven from sea;
And I fancy the violets know me in gardens of
beauty and bliss;
And do not the red roses owe me the peace of the
prodigal's kiss?

The sun is still bright at the portal; there the
love-light all radiant shines:
Heart! Heart! there's a face we remember in the
tangle and bloom of the vines!
Far off the glad reapers are singing—far off in
the rivery wheat,
And the arms of a mother are clinging, and the
kiss of a mother is sweet!

—*Frank L. Stanton, in Ladies' Home Journal.*

THE JILTING OF JANE.

As I sit writing in my study I can hear our Jane bumping her way down stairs with her brush and dust pan. She used in the old days to sing hymn-tunes or the British national songs for the time being to these instruments, but latterly she has been silent and even careful over her work. Time was when I prayed with fervor for such silence, and my wife with sighs for such care, but now a days they have come, we are not so glad as we might have anticipated we should be. Indeed, I would rejoice secretly, though it may be unmanly weakness to admit it, even to hear Jane sing "Daisy" or by the fracture of any plate but one of Marion's best green ones to learn that the period of brooding has come to an end.

Yet how we longed to hear the last of Jane's young man before we heard the last of him. Jane was always very free with her conversation to my wife, and discoursed admirably in the kitchen on a variety of topics—so well, indeed, that I sometimes left my study door open—our house is a small one—to partake of it.

But after William came it was always William, nothing but William; William this and William that, and when we thought William was worked out and exhausted altogether, then William all over again. The engagement lasted altogether three years, yet how she got introduced to William and so became thus saturated with him was always a secret. For my part, I believe it was at the street corner where the Rev. Barnabas Baux used to hold an open air service after evensong on Sundays. Young Cupids were wont to flit like moths round the paraffine flare of that center of High Church hymn singing. I fancy she stood singing hymns there, out of memory and her imagination, instead of coming home to get supper, and William came up beside her and said "Hello." "Hello, yourself," she said, and etiquette being satisfied, they proceeded to talk together.

As Mariana has a reprehensible way of letting her servants talk to her, she soon heard of him. "He is such a respectable young man, ma'am," said Jane, "you don't know." Ignoring the slur cast on her acquaintance, my wife inquired further about this William.

"He is second porter at Maynard's the draper's," said Jane, "and gets eighteen shillings—nearly a pound—a week, m'm, and when the head porter leaves he will be head porter. His relatives are quite superior people, m'm. Not laboring people at all. His father was a green grosher, m'm, and had a chumor, and was bankrup' twice. And one of his sisters is in a home for the dying. It will be a very good match for me, ma'am," said Jane, me being on orphan girl."

"Then you are engaged to him?" asked my wife.

"Not engaged, ma'am, but he is saving money to buy a ring—hammyfist."

"Well, Jane, when you are properly engaged to him you may ask him round here on Sunday afternoons and have tea with him in the kitchen." For my Mariana has a motherly conception of her duty towards her maid servants. And presently the amethystine ring was being worn about the house, even with ostentation, and Jane developed a new way of bringing in the joint, so that this gage was evident. The elder Miss Maitland was aggrieved by it, and told my wife that servants ought not to wear rings. But my wife looked it up in Inquire Within and Mrs. Motherly's Book of Household Management, and found no prohibition. So Jane remained with this happiness added to her love.

The treasure of Jane's heart appeared to me to be what respectable people call a very deserving young man. "William, ma'am," said Jane one day suddenly, with ill concealed complacency, as she counted out the beer bottles, "William, ma'am, is a teetotler. Yes, m'm; and he don't smoke. Smoking, ma'am," said Jane, who reads the heart, "do make such a dust about. Besides the waste of money. And the smell. However, I suppose it's necessary to some."

Possibly it dawned on Jane that she was reflecting a little severely upon Mariana's ill fortune, and she added kindly; "I'm sure the master is a hangle when his pipe's alight. Compared to other times."

William was at first a rather shabby young man of the ready made black coat school of costume. He had watery gray eyes and a complexion appropriate to the brother of one in the home for the dying. Mariana did not fancy him very much, even at the beginning. His eminent respectability was vouched for by an alpaca umbrella, from which he never allowed himself to be parted.

"He goes to chapel," said Jane. "His papa, ma'am—"

"His what, Jane?"

"His papa, ma'am, was church, but Mr. Maynard is a Plymouth brother, and William thinks it policy, ma'am, to go there, too. Mr. Maynard comes and talks to him quite friendly when they ain't busy, about using up all the ends of string and about his soul. He takes a lot of notice, do Mr. Maynard, of William, and the way he saves string and his soul, ma'am."

Presently we heard that the head porter at Maynard's had left, and that William was head porter at twenty-three shillings a week. "He is really kind of over the man who drives the van," said Jane, "and him married, with three children." And she promised in the pride of her heart to make interest for us with William to favor us so that we might get our parcels of drapery from Maynard's with exceptional promptitude.

After this promotion a rapidly increasing prosperity came upon Jane's young man. One day we learnt that Mr. Maynard had given William a book. "Smiles" Elp Yourself,' it's called," said Jane, "but it ain't comic. It tells you how to get on in the world, and some that William read to me was lovely, ma'am."

Mariana told me of this laughing, and then she became suddenly grave. "Do you know, dear," she said, "Jane said one thing I do not like. She had been quiet for a minute, and then she suddenly remarked, 'William is a lot above me, ma'am, ain't he?'"

"I don't see anything in that," I said, though later my eyes were to be opened.

One Sunday afternoon about that time I was sitting at my writing desk—possible I was reading a good book—when a something went by the window. I heard a startled exclamation behind me, and saw Mariana with her hands clasped together and her eyes dilated. "George," she said, in an awe whisper, "did you see?"

Then we both spoke to one another at the same moment slowly and solemnly: "A silk hat. Yellow gloves. A new umbrella."

"It may be my fancy, dear," said Mariana, "but his tie was very like yours. I believe Jane keeps him in ties. She told me a little while ago in a way that implied volumes about the rest of your costume, 'The master do wear pretty ties, ma'am.' And he echoes all your novelties".

The young couple passed our window again on their way to their customary walk. They were arm-in-arm. Jane looked exquisitely proud, happy and uncomfortable, with new white cotton gloves, and William in the silk hat, singularly genteel.

That was the culmination of Jane's happiness. When she returned, "Mr. Mayard has been talking to William, ma'am'" she said, "and he is to serve customers, just like the young shop gentlemen, during the next sale. And if he gets on he is to be made an assistant, ma'am, at the first opportunity. He has got to be as gentlemanly as he can, ma'am, he says it won't be for want of trying. Mr. Maynard has took a great fancy to him."

"He is getting on, Jane," said my wife.

"Yes, ma'am," said Jane, thoughtfully, "he is getting on."

And she sighed.

That next Sunday as I drank my tea I interrogated my wife. "How is this Sunday different from all other Sundays, little woman? What has happened? Have you altered the curtains or rearranged the furniture, or where is the indefinable difference of it? Are you wearing your hair in a new way without warning me? I clearly perceive a change in my environment, and I cannot for the life of me say what it is."

Then my wife answered in her most tragic voice: "George," she said, "that—that William has not come near the place to-day. And Jane is crying her heart out upstairs.'

There followed a period of silence; Jane, as I have said, stopped singing about the house and began to care for our brittle possessions, which struck my wife as being a very sad sign indeed. The next Sunday and the next Jane asked to go out "to walk with William," and my wife, who never attempts to extort confidences, gave her permission and asked no questions. On each occasion Jane came back looking flushed and very determined. At last one day she became communicative.

"William is being led away," she remarked abruptly, with a catching of breath, apropos of tablecloths.

"Yes, m'm. She is a milliner, and she can play on the piano."

"I thought," said my wife, "that you went out with him on Sunday."

"Not out with him, m'm; after him. I walked along by the side of them and told her he was engaged to me."

"Dear me, Jane, did you? What did they do?"

"Took no more notice of me than if I was dirt. So I told her she should suffer for it."

"It could not have been a very agreeable walk, Jane."

"Not for no parties, ma'am."

"I wish," said Jane, "I could play the piano, ma'am. But, anyhow, I don't mean to let her get him away from me. She's older than him, and her hair ain't gold to the roots, ma'am."

It was on the August bank holiday that the crisis came. We do not clearly know the details of the fray, but only such fragments as poor Jane let fall. She came home dusty, excited, and with her heart hot within her.

The milliner's mother, the milliner and William had made a party to the Art Museum at South Kensington, I think. Anyhow, Jane had calmly but firmly accosted them somewhere in the streets and asserted her right to what, in spite of the concensus of literature, she held to be her inalienable property. She did, I think, go so far as to lay hands on him. They dealt with her in a crushingly superior way. They called a cab. There was a "scene," William being pulled away in a four-wheeler by his future wife and mother-in-law from the reluctant hands of our discarded Jane. There were some threats of giving her "in charge."

"My poor Jane," said my wife, mincing veal as though she was mincing William. "It's a shame of them. I would think no more of him. He is not worthy of you."

"No, ma'am," said Jane. "He is weak."

"But it's that woman has done it," said Jane. She was never known to bring herself to pronounce "that woman's" name or to admit her girlishness. "I can't think what minds some women must have—to try and get a girl's young man away from her. But there, it only hurts to talk about it," said Jane.

Thereafter our house rested from William. But there was something in the manner of Jane's scrubbing the front doorstep or sweeping out the rooms with a certain vicousness that persuaded me that the story had not yet ended.

"Please ma'am, may I go and see a wedding to-morrow?" said Jane one day.

My wife knew by instinct whose wedding. "Do you think it is wise, Jane?" she said.

"I would like to see the last of him," said Jane.

"My dear," said my wife, fluttering into my room about twenty minutes after Jane had started, "Jane has been to the boot hole and taken all the left-off boots and shoes and gone off to the wedding with them in a bag. Surely she cannot mean—"

"Jane," I said, "is developing character. Let us hope for the best."

Jane came back with a pale hard face. All the boots seemed to be still in her bag, at which my wife heaved a premature sigh of relief. We heard her go upstairs and replace the boots with considerable emphasis.

"Quite a crowd at the wedding, ma'am," she said presently, in a purely conversational style, sitting in our little kitchen and scrubbing the potatoes, "and such a lovely day for them." She proceeded to enumerate other details, clearly avoiding some cardinal incident.

"It was all extremely respectable and nice, ma'am, but her father didn't wear a black coat and looked quite out of place, ma'am. Mr. Piddingquirk—

"Who?"

"Mr. Piddingquirk—William, that was, ma'am—had white gloves, and a coat like a clergyman, and a lovely chrysanthemum. He looked so nice, ma'am. And there was a red carpet down, just like for gentlefolks. And they say he gave the clerk four shillings, ma'am. It was a real kerridge they had—not a fly. When they came out of the church there was rice throwing, and her two little sisters dropping dead flowers. And someone threw a slipper, and then I threw a boot—"

"Threw a boot, Jane!"

"Yes, ma'am. Aimed at her, but hit him. Yes, ma'am, hard. Gev him a black eye, I should think. I only threw that one. I hadn't the heart to try again. And all the little boys cheered when it hit him."

After an interval, "I am sorry the boot hit him."

Another pause. The potatoes were being scrubbed violently. "He always was a bit above me, you know ma'am. And he was led away." The potatoes were more than finished. Jane rose sharply with a sigh and rapped the basin down on the table.

"I don't care," she said. "I don't care a rap. He will find out his mistake yet. It serves me right. I was stuck up about him. I ought not to have looked so high. And I am glad things are as things are."

My wife was in the kitchen seeing to the higher cookery. After the confession of the boot throwing she must have watched poor Jane timing with a certain dismay in those brown eyes of hers. But I imagine they softened again very quickly, and then Jane must have met them.

"Oh, ma'am," said Jane, with an astonishing change of note. "Think of all that might have been. Oh, ma'am, I could have been so happy. I ought to have known, but I didn't know. * * * You're very kind to let me talk to you, ma'am * * * for it is hard on me, ma'am * * * it's har-r-r-r—"

And I gather that Mariana so far forgot herself as to let Jane sob out some of the fullness of her heart on a sympathetic shoulder. My Mariana, thank heaven, has never properly grasped the importance of "keeping up her position." And since that fit of weeping much of the accent of bitterness has gone out of Jane's scrubbing and brush work.

Indeed, something passed the other day with the butcher boy, but that scarcely belongs to this story. However, Jane is young still, and time and change are at work with her. We all have our sorrows, but I do not believe very much in the permanency of broken hearts.—*Pall Mall Budget.*

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There was one little incident in Robert Fulton's life about which few people know and which Fulton never forgot. It took place shortly before the return trip of his famous boat's voyage by steam up the Hudson river. At the time all Albany flocked to the wharf to see the strange craft, but so timorous were they that few cared to board her. One gentleman, however, not only boarded her, but sought out Fulton, whom he found in the cabin, and the following conversation took place:—

"This is Mr. Fulton, I presume?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you return to New York with this boat?"

"We shall try to get back, sir."

"Have you any objection to my returning with you?"

"If you wish to take your chances with us, sir, I have no objection."

"What is the fare?"

After a moment's hesitation Fulton replied, "Six dollars." And when that amount was laid in his hand he gazed at it a long time and two big tears rolled down his cheeks. Turning to the passenger he said:—

"Excuse me, sir, but this is the first pecuniary reward I have received for all my exertion in adapting steam to navigation. I would gladly commemorate the occasion with a little dinner, but I am too poor now even for that. If we meet again I trust it will not be the case."

As history relates the voyage terminated successful. Four years later Fulton was sitting in the cabin of the Clermont, then called the North River, when a gentleman entered. Fulton glanced at him and then sprang up and gladly shook his hand. It was his first passenger, and over a pleasant little dinner Fulton entertained his guest with the history of his success, and ended with saying that the first actual recognition of his usefulness to his fellow-men was the six dollars paid to him by his first passenger."—*Harper's Round Table.*

THE PRESIDENT'S ENORMOUS MAIL.

"As many as eight hundred letters in one day are received at the White House, but comparatively few of these, only the most important ones, reach the President, for if he dealt personally with all his correspondents he could do nothing else," writes ex-President Harrison, telling, in the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, of "A Day With the President at His Desk," the first of his series of articles on life in the White House. "Very many of the letters addressed to the President," he adds, "are trivial, not a few of them impertinent, and some of them angry and threatening. These, if the private secretary is a judicious man, the President never hears of, and the malicious intent of the writer is thwarted. The requests for autographs are scarcely numerable. Patches for bed-quilts and lunch-cloths add to the burden. Begging letters, for numbers, take the second place in the President's mail. They come from every part of the land, and relate to every possible subject. Some are appeals to aid the writer to get an education, or to pay off a mortgage, or to buy a piano or a pony; and no form of public appeal is absent—to aid the building of churches, to endow schools, to build monuments, and to aid every other good purpose for which men or women or children associate themselves. On one day the requests for specific sums aggregated nine thousand dollars. These appeals are unavailing in the nature of things, and self-respect ought to restrain the practice."

A DELICATE COMPLIMENT.—It is said that a certain English portrait painter has almost as great a reputation for joking as for taking excellent likenesses. One evening he was speaking of a beautiful young girl whose portrait he had just finished.

"Her features are exquisitely moulded, I have heard," said a friend who had seen neither the portrait nor its original.

"Beautiful forehead and eyes," returned the artist, concisely, "handsome nose, fine chin, mouth like an elephant's."

"Mouth like an elephant's!" echoed his friend in dismay. "What a terrible misfortune! Do you mean that it is so enormous and—— what do you mean?"

"Only that is filled with superb ivory, madame, returned the artist, with his usual gravity.—*Youth's Companion.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE YOUNG FARMER.

Charlie Adams never felt any uncertainty about what he was going to be. Long before he discarded short trousers he was in the habit of telling any one who would listen to him that he meant to be a farmer and have horses and cattle, and raise things. And unlike many who are eager to tell what they intend to be, Charlie accompanied theory with practice from the first. When he was seven years old he had a corner of the flower-garden for his very own, and he insisted on putting in his seeds, and transplanting his geraniums and verbenas and asters, and doing all his weeding and cultivation, without help from anybody. When he was 10 he was in the habit of saving his pennies to buy seeds and plants, and before he was 12 he had branched out into lettuce and tomatoes and radishes, and other small vegetables.

"It's the most curious thing I ever heard of," declared Mrs. Adams to an intimate friend, "he seems to be possessed with a mania for planting. I can't imagine where he gets it from, for none of his father's people nor mine were ever farmers that I know of. We have tried to laugh it out of him, but sakes! he don't mind. Already he is beginning to puzzle his father with some of his odd questions."

"Well, I don't believe I'd try to change him," said the friend, quietly. "Boys with hobbies generally come out all right. If Charlie isn't meant to be a farmer, he'll outgrow it after awhile."

The Adams house was very small and unpretentious. There was a tiny lawn and two or three trees in front, and in back was a half-acre or so of garden which bordered on one of the side streets. Mr. Adams rarely visited this part of his lot; he was a clerk in a large drug-store on the other side of the town, and had no time for gardening.

But as he grew older Charlie redeemed more and more of this half-acre from the sturdy grasp of the weeds and briers. When he was 13 he had at least two-thirds of it in lettuce and other small vegetables. What on earth he was going to do with it all, Mrs. Adams said, she didn't know; but it amused the boy, and perhaps he would be able to feed it to the chickens and ducks he was already beginning to raise.

During the summer Seapoint was a popular shore resort; the hotels were generally full, and there were many wealthy cottages along the rocks.

One day as Charlie was hoeing among his lettuce plants he heard a carriage coming down the side street. As it came opposite him it stopped and one of the occupants called:—

"What nice lettuce heads you have, little boy! Are they for sale?"

Charlie walked to the fence.

"N-no, I don't know 's they are," he said, doubtfully. "I hadn't thought about it. You see, I just grow them because I like to."

"But you have such a lot of them," the lady urged, "and they are so much nicer than my grocer brings me. I think you can spare me a dozen. I will pay you five cents apiece."

Charlie's face flushed.

"Yes'm, I can let you have them," he said, quickly, but I don't believe they're worth that."

"Oh, yes, they are; everybody charges five cents, and yours are extra nice." She looked smiling over the garden. "I see you have a nice little bed of beets and carrots and onions, and—yes, I do believe that is parsley and celery over there in the corner. I am very fond of celery tops in my soup. Could you not spare me some of each, say three or four bunches of beets and carrots and onions, and some celery and parsley, every other day? You could bring them down to my cottage—Stonycroft, you know. Your vegetables would be perfectly fresh, and it is difficult to get fresh ones here."

Charlie's eyes were sparkling now. What would Tom and Harry and Jim, and even his oldest sister Florence, say to this? Certainly, they would never laugh at him any more. Only, he would not tell them yet. Some day he would make their eyes open in astonishment by coming up the street with a brand new bicycle. And he would buy more seeds, and would not forget a present for sister Molly, who had never laughed at him.

"Do you think you can spare them?" the lady asked again.

"Oh, yes'm! I beg your pardon," Charlie said, confusedly. "I—I was just thinking. You see, I hadn't ever thought of raising things to sell—at least, not till I was a man." He hesitated a moment, and then added:—"And—and after awhile I expect to have some nice beans and tomatoes and cauliflowers, if you want some."

The lady smiled and nodded, and then motioned for her coachman to drive on. Charley watched her until the carriage turned into Main street, then he went over his garden and carefully selected the best beets and carrots and onions he could find. These he washed and bunched until they looked almost exactly like the bunches he had seen in the village market. Two days later he did the same thing, and he kept it up until the beets and onions gave out. But by that time some of the snap beans were ready to pick, and over in the corner near the celery four or five heads of cabbage were beginning to feel hard. When Charlie apologized for his scarcity of vegetables, the lady smiled and told him not to mind, she would take what he had to spare and get the rest from her grocer—only she liked his best.

At home they did not seem to be aware of what was going on. Tom and Harry were at work in a hotel as bell boys, and Jim was on the streets most of the time selling papers; and one day when Tom reported that he had seen Charlie going down a side street with a basket of vegetables, Mrs. Adams laughed and remarked that he was probably trying to earn something to pay for more seeds.

By the middle of August all the vegetables were gone except a small patch of late turnips which he had sown in July and which were not ready to pull. Most of his spare time was now spent in digging a pit in a sheltered corner which he proposed to cover with window sash. In September he intended to plant cabbage and lettuce and cauliflower seeds, and winter the plants in the cold frame for early setting in spring. Before this was finished it was time for him to begin school, and then he only had such moments as he could get from his chores for his garden work.

Winter came early, and by the middle of November there was a thick layer of snow on the ground. One evening as Charlie entered the kitchen he heard his father and mother talking in low tones in the sitting-room.

"There! that will pay the rent and buy the winter's coal; and there will be two or three dollars for a cheap dress for you. I wish it were more."

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Alfred Peats' Wall Paper; finest line ever shown in town; prices low. L. A. Conant.

For Maine seed potatoes, dandelions, spinach, radishes, rhubarb, new cabbage, and new maple sugar direct from Vermont, call at Thompson's market.

Don't fail to get your May breakfast and dinner at the Congregational church one week from to-morrow. The usual good fare will be served. Be sure and come.

"A Prisoner of War" has a success equal to "Held by the Enemy" and "Shenandoah." Everything in this play is new and original. This play will be produced under the auspices of the Cyrus W. Cross Camp, next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

PALMER NEWS.

BONDSVILLE CHURCH REDEDICATED.

Handsomely Refurnished and Thoroughly Repaired, Free From Debt.

The rededication of the Methodist Episcopal church in Bondsville took place Sunday, services being held both morning and evening. At 10.30 a. m. Rev. W. R. Newhall, principal of Wesleyan Academy, preached an eloquent sermon, taking bis text from Paul's letter to the Corinthieus, "I seek not yours, but you." Appropriate Easter music was rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. Cherles Eaton, Dr. H. A. Smith and C. N. Shaw. At 6 30 p. m. Rev. J. O. Knowles, D. D., the new presiding elder of the west district, preached a strong, earnest sermon, making a very good impression on his hearers. His text was, "For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The rededication exercises were conducted by Dr. Knowles and Rev. R. E. Smith, pastor of the church. Letters were read from former pastors, including Rev. Alfred Noon of Boston, during whose pastorate the present church building was erected, Rev. E. W. Virgin, Rev. J. A. Day, and Rev. F. J. Hale. The pulpit and platform were tastefully decorated with potted plants in bloom, and cut flowers. A handsome new pulpit Bible, which was used in these services for the first time, was presented to the church by one of the members.

The total cost of the repairs on the church was about $700. Of this amount arrangements hed been made for the set-

tling of all but about $190 before Sunday. The pastor made a brief business-like statement of the indebtedness to the audience, and in the morning service $122 was quickly raised by pledges and subscriptions. The balance was easily raised at the evening meeting, leaving the church to commence the new conference year entirely free of debt. The interior of the church has been very thoroughly overhauled, both upstairs and down. The audience room is very beautiful. A handsome new carpet costing about $200 has been laid, the walls and ceiling have been newly decorated and are very handsome, the seats have been newly varnished, also the pulpit and other furniture. The old chandelier has been removed and the new room is at present lighted by large Rochester lamps. Ash box casings have been put around the doors and windows, where formerly there were none, adding largely to the beauty of the room. The hall and vestry have also had a good deal of attention paid them and are greatly improved. New carpeting has been laid in the hall and on the stairs. In the large vestry matting has been laid at the front and rear of the room, and in the aisles. The walls have been newly papered, the settees have been grained and varnished. The wood-work throughout the building has been thoroughly cleaned and varnished, or painted. The old-fashioned pulpit and lounge, relics of the old Four Corners church, which have occupied the etage in the vestry a number of years, have been removed.

Although at a conservative estimate the cost of the repairs exceeds $700, it has cost the society considerably less than this sum, as a large amount of labor and material bave been donated by members and friends. No little credit for the good work that has been done is due to the committee who had charge of the repairs, E. G. Childs, E. E. Ryther and R. L. Bond. They have looked after the affairs, and deserve the thanks of all church goers.

The High School Ball Team Starts the Season Well.

The Palmer high school ball tossers met the team from Monson Academy on the Driving Park Patriot's Day, and the manner in which they vanquished their opponents made one think of the way our forefathers put the "Redcoats" to rout at Concord 120 years ago. The Palmer boys showed up well in the field, accepting all their chances with the exception of an excusable error of Riley, who dropped a short fly after a hard run. Several, as the score will show, were unable to connect with Richard's delusive out-shoot, but the rest straightened out his curves in good style. Kennedy, though wild at times, pitched a ball that was hard to find, Needham being the only man to connect with his delivery to any account. The features of the game were the batting of Riley, Murphy and Needham, and the all around good team work of the Palmers. Phillips at short for Monson seemed unable to do anything but fumble the ball. The score:

P. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e	M. Acad.	r	b	po	a	e
Riley, 2,	2	3	1	3	1	Thacker, 2,	1	1	1		1
Shaw, c,	4	1	8	1	0	Converse, l,	1	1	2		1
Murphy, 3,	3	2	2	1	0	Gavin, c,	1	0	12	3	1
Gingraw, s,	1	1	1	0	0	Phillips, s,	0	0	0	1	5
Fay, l,	1	1	0	0	0	Murphy, 1,	2	1	5	0	1
Kennedy, p,	4	1	2	1	0	Needham, 3,	1	2	1	2	1
Tuthill, m,	3	2	0	0	0	Richards, p,	0	0	0	2	1
Roche, r,	1	1	0	0	0	Pend'g't, m,	0	1	0	0	0
Studley, 1,	1	2	7	0	0	Shannon, r,	0	0	0	0	0
Total,	20	14	21	6	1		6	6	21	8	11

P. H. S.,	4	3	2	4	3	4	0—20
M. A.,	0	1	0	1	4	0	0—6

Times at bat, P. H. S. 45, M. A. 26. Total bases, P. H. S. 24, M. A. 9. Sacrifice hit, Kennedy. Stolen bases, Riley 3, Shaw, Kennedy, Roche. Two-base hits, Roche, Shaw, Riley, Kennedy, Murphy. Three-base hit, Needham. First base on balls, Shaw 2, Gingraw, Kennedy 3, Riley, Murphy, Needham, Pendergast, Gavin. First base on errors, P. H. S. 7, M. A. 1. Left on bases, P. H. S. 5, M. A. 3. Struck out, Phillips 3, Richards, Pendergast, Shannon, Converse, Gingraw 4, Studley 3, Tuthill 2, Roche. Passed ball, Gavin. Time, 1h. 50m. Umpire, J. H. Shaw.

THE LICENSES GRANTED.

Holders the Same as the Last Time, and the Price the Same, $1700.

The selectmen met at their room in the memorial building Tuesday afternoon and disposed of the question of who should have the six licenses. The lucky ones are the same who held them during the last year of license, the Converse and Nassowanno Houses and L. W. Caryl & Co. in the Depot village, J. F. Hartnett in Three Rivers, Maurice Moriarty in Bondsville, and tbe Clinton House in Thorndike, the prediction of the JOURNAL last week having proved correct. Two druggists' licenses were also granted, to O. P. Allen and Le-

Rev. R. E. Smith, Pastor of the Bondsville M. E. Church.

Gro & Lynde in the Depot village; the application of A. P. Adams was not acted on, as the selectmen have not yet seen his certificate of registration as a phermacist; when this is presented he will doubtless get a license.

Three protests were made to the selectmen against the granting of licenses: One by Enos Calkins against the application of McManamy & Dawson at the Weeks House, he owning the adjoining property; the one mentioned lest week against the granting of a license to L. W. Caryl & Co. on Commercial street, and one asking that no license be granted in Three Rivers. The latter was largely signed, but principally by women and children, the latter ranging in age from seven years up; the names of one family—father, mother and three children—had evidently all been written by one person.

A PRIVATE WHISKY RAID.

A Successful Hunt for the Ardent at Thorndike Not Instigated by the Prosecuting Committee.

There was a whisky raid at Thorndike last Friday night which was as much of a surprise to the owner of the stuff as if the prosecuting committee had dropped in and made a scoop. The stuff has been in storege since the owner last had a license, and he was hoping to be able to teke it from hiding and have a chance to sell it on Saturdey of next week, but the "boys" got ahead of him and appropriated it on Friday night. They carted the stuff away and started to make a dollar by peddling it out to their friends at 50 cents a gallon, but the owner found it out and they were compelled to return the stuff, which has gone into storege again until the owner is fortunate enough to get a license or can dispose of it to some other dealer.

Mrs. Weld of Westboro is visiting her son, W. A. Weld.

Miss Kete Hopkins of Lowell has been visiting her parents this week.

The Nassowanno House has been connected with the Walnut street sewer.

The measles are losing their grip, few new cases being reported the past week.

J. J. Shea will install his night lunch cart on Main street egain the first of May.

Mrs. Phetteplace will preach in the Advent chapel next Sunday morning end evening.

Miss Mey Hamblin of Bondsville has been visiting at the home of H. H. Paine this week.

Miss Margaret Rohan of Springfield was the guest of Miss May Wilder the first of the week.

A new refrigerator is being built in Bills's meat market in the basement of the Lawrence block.

G. W. Cross of Boston, formerly of Palmer, spent Sunday and Patriot's Day with his family here.

Miss L. H. Brigham gave a reading in Indien Orchard on Monday evening, the last she will give this season.

Miss E. M. Pierce of Providence, a former teacher in the high school, has been spending the week with friends in town.

G. E. Buck has bought the George W. Randall place near Shearer's Corner, which has been unoccupied for some time.

The residence of J. M. Converse on the corner of Main and Thorndike streets is receiving a coat of paint externally.

Fred Gunn of Worcester and Louis Cross of Boston University Medical School were home over Easter and Patriot's Day.

The Lend-a-hand club of the Congregational church will hold a special meeting in the church parlors next Wednesday afternoon.

C. E. Fish and Judge George Robinson attended the annual meeting of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum in Boston this week.

Joseph Page will lead tbe Y. P. C. U. meeting at the Universalist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "The ninety and nine."

The last meeting of the Women's Tuesday Club for this season will be held next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. McGregory.

Dr. William Holbrook, who suffered a slight paralytic stroke a few weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to walk out, yesterday being the first time.

The Woman's Home Missionary Association will hold its semi-annual meeting in the Eliot church at Lowell next Wednesday, with sessions at 10 30 and 2.

A number of Palmer people are planning to attend the matinee of "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Court Square Theatre in Springfield to-morrow afternoon.

Dr. T. N. Bugbee, formerly of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, now with Dr. Hulburt of Springfield, was the guest of Dr. Silas Keith Sunday.

Miss Sweetser will lecture on "Work among the Italians" next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in the vestry of the Congregational church. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Rufus Fosket, 82, mother of D. W. Fosket, died at the home of her son at Fosket's Mills yesterday morning. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1.30.

The Rebecca degree lodge will give a social and dance in the rooms of the order and the opera house next Monday evening, the anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship.

The illustrated lecture by Arthur K. Peck of Boston, which was to have been given in the opera house last Friday evening, was not delivered on account of the small number present.

At a business meeting of the Congregational church last evening, it was voted to extend a vote of thanks to the members of the chorus choir for their volunteer services during the past year.

Clarence Wing has accepted a position at Cordova, Alabama, with the Flynt Building and Construction Co., which is erecting a large cotton mill in that place. He left this week, and expects to be gone a year before returning home.

Rev. O. G. Petrie's wheel which was stolen last week was found beside the track of the Boston and Maine railroad near Forest Lake last week Thursday by Section Foreman Griffin of Ware and identified and claimed by Mr. Petrie.

Thomas lodge of Masons will run a special train to Springfield next Tuesday evening, leaving Palmer at 6.45 and returning about 11 45 giving any who wish to attend the theatre in that city that evening an excellent opportunity to return.

The schools commenced sessions egain on Tuesday, with only a few absentees on account of sickness, the high school being the worst affected, there being about a dozen out, but these will probably be in attendance next week.

Past Stete Commander William P. Derby of Springfield has been engaged to deliver tbe address in connection with the exercises of Memorial Day. As the 30th of May comes on Sunday this year, the exercises will be held on the following Monday.

Postmaster Royce hed recently come into possession of a remarkably curious bit of paper in the shape of a Confederate 25 cent script issued by the trustees of Pasquotank county, N. C., in 1861. It is a very rare curiosity, and is highly valued by its owner.

Engineer Iseac Kenerson of the Ware River road had a toe amputated at his home in Barre on Tuesday. Mr. Kenerson froze the toe last winter and neglected the matter until it became necessary to heve the member amputated, and he will be fortunate if he does not lose more of the foot.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. C. R. Minard will take for his subject, "The man who found himself." The Sunday school concert which was to have been given last Sunday evening, but had to be given up on account of illness among the scholars, will be given next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

The selectmen have notified the members of the W. C. T. U. that es they understand the matter the control of the streets is in their hands, and the ladies have in turn notified the selectmen that they shall consider the drinking fountain on the corner of Mein and Walnut streets a permanent fixture until ordered to remove it by them.

The atmosphere took a decided drop Monday night, and the mercury registered only 15° Tuesdey morning. Over-ambitious early "garden sass" which had ventured out received a decided discourager, and even that in hot-bed frames did not wholly escape. Tuesday night was also cold, but since then the tendency of the mercury has been upward.

Two fine pictures of the interior of the Congregational church at the time of the semi-centennial celebration—one of the decorations and choir loft in the audience room, and one of the tables as set for supper in the vestry—were taken by Miss Jennie Brainerd, and have been in brisk demand by those who wished to preserve them as souvenirs; something like 75 have been printed and sold, the price being nominal.

The selectmen received a telegram Tuesday from Antonio Dominic of Boston, asking if the town was engaged in putting in water or sewer pipes, and if they had authorized any person to engage 200 men to work here. The probability is that some swindler circulated this story among the Italians of that city, intending to engage a number of men and charge them a small fee for securing them work, as is customary in many instances.

Arrangements have been made for a bicycle run to Monson on Tuesday, May 4th. The start will be made from in front of the post office at 7 o'clock p. m. The trip to Monson will be run slowly under the charge of a leader, and it is particularly requested that none of the riders pass him, but follow the pace he sets. On the return trip all may ride as fast as they please. Everybody who can ride a wheel is invited to participate and make the number as large as possible.

W. H. Williams is canvassing the village for subscriptions for the support of the sprinkling cart. Mr. Williams has started the cart earlier than it has ever been done before, and has given as good service as possible under the existing conditions, the standpipes not all being in working order at first. He proposes to give good satisfaction, and it is hoped that the subscriptions will be generous enough to warrant him in continuing the work; what he has done so far has been gratuitous.

The circulators of the petition to the selectmen requesting that no license be granted L. W. Caryl & Co. on Commercial etreet wish it understood that there was no objection to Messrs. Caryl & Co., but to the location on the approach to the railroad station, by which a large number of women must pass in going to and from the trains, or be put to no little inconvenience to go by way of Main street bridge. The petition, by tbe way, was started and circulated by private individuals, and not by the W. C. T. U., as many have supposed.

Mrs. Hannibal Williams will give a recital of Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Mendelssohn's music descriptive of it, performed by members of the Springfield Philharmonic Orchestra, in Memorial Hall next Tueeday evening. Mrs. Williams is an accomplished reader, and her rendering of this fanciful drama is highly spoken of by the prese of the various towns where ehe has given it. All who wish an evening of rare enjoyment, intellectually and musically, will do well to attend. The recital will be given under the auspices of the eenior class of the high school.

The play, "A Prisoner of War," will be given in the opera house next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. It is a pleasing war drema, in which Clara Turner, a well-known actress of much ability, takes a leading part as "Dixie Merrill, The Girl Spy." It was presented in Ware last evening by the Sons of Veterans of that place, where it was well received by the townspeople. The proprietors of the play will be in Palmer to-morrow evening, and rehearsals will be held daily until its preeentation. Tickets are on sale at Allen's drug store.

Sunday was an ideal Easter day, and large congregations were present in the morning at all the churches. The interiors of the various houses of worship were elaborately decorated with potted plants and Easter lilies. The organists and choirs all had special musical programmes and the various pastore discoursed on themes appropriate to the day. At the Universalist and Congregational churches Sunday echool concerts were given with attractive programmes, and were largely attended. The concert at the Baptist church was postponed because of the large number of participants who were eick with the measles.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve their annual May breakfast and dinner on Saturday of next week. An early breakfast will be served at 6 30 for those who must be at work at 7, and will be continued until 9 o'clock. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2. The general maneger of the affair will be Mrs. J. B. Shaw, with Mrs. John Sedgwick in charge of the dining room, and Mrs. G. O. Henry in charge of the children's dining room; dessert room, Mrs. L M. Shaw. Mrs. L. A. Royce will have charge of the kitchen, which assures the best of everything in that line. In connection with the breakfast and dinner the Lend-a-hand club will have its customary sale of useful and fancy articles, under the direction of Mrs. H W. McGregory.

THREE RIVERS.

Be sure and see a "A Prisoner of War" at opera house, Palmer, next week; three nights.

May breakfast will be served in the Congregational church at Palmer next week Saturday. Come.

Miss Fanny Barnes returned to her school in Chester last Monday, where she is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Springfield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B J. Avery last Sunday.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10.45 a. m. and 7 p. m.

George Whitney, overseer of weaving at the Palmer Mill, has resigned, and Mr. Tannebring of West Warren has taken his place.

A pleasant and profitable time is in store for all who can attend the lecture by Rev. T. B. Johnson at the Baptist church on May 4th. Mr. Johnson is a brilliant and effective speaker.

At a business meeting of the Union church last week Thursday evening it was voted to grant the pastor, Rev. G. S. Butler, a three-months' vacation, beginning with this week, and also to engage Rev. Mr. Shearer of Springfield to supply during Mr. Butler's absence.

The Sunday school of the Union church held an Easter concert last Sunday evening, with a large audience to listen to the children, there being hardly standing room. She superintendent and assistant superintendent are to be congratulated on their programme and the way in which it was carried out. The decorating committee wishes to thank all who so generously loaned plants to be used in the church.

BONDSVILLE.

You'll miss a good thing if you don't see "A Prisoner of War" next week.

May breakfast in the Congregational church at Palmer one week from to-morrow morning. Don't fail to attend.

Joseph Fenton of Rockaway, N. Y., was at his home over Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. C. E. Shumway Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Van Tassell is spending a few weeks with her sister in Malden.

Charles Whitekuaet of Lowell visited friends here a few days this week.

F. G. Jester of Middletown, Ct., was the guest of Olin Parent over Sunday.

Henry Stone of Gilbertville was the guest of Byron Thayer over Sunday.

Henry Bolton of Greenfield has been spending several days with his father, H. E. Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Fitzgerald are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy, born Tuesday.

M. Piscagnaski of Ware bas opened a Polish market and store in Slattery's building.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sullivan and Miss Lillian spent Patriot's Day with friends in Holyoke.

Miss Sawtelle's class in music gave a musical at the home of Byron Thayer last Saturday afternoon.

Jonas Blanchard bas moved his family and household goods to St. Madelaine, P. Q., where he owns a farm.

Several of the English residents went to Ware Sundey to attend the Easter services at the Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sharratt spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Sharratt's mother, Mrs. Golden, at West Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaton of South Hadley Falls were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Smith over Sunday.

Miss Alice Armstrong attended the gathering of the Sons and Daughters of Vermont at Springfield Monday evening.

Edwin Hayes and Thomas Russell spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Northampton, making tbe trip on bicycles.

Business at the Domestic Bakery seems to be rushing; another baker has been secured and another delivery wagon started.

Mrs. A. P. Knowlton and Miss Marion Knowlton are spending a few days in Boston, visiting Mrs. Knowlton's brother, J. W. Hanson.

The schools commenced Monday with the regular corps of teachers, Miss Cleveland having returned and resumed charge of the grammar school.

Fred Morrissette, who left town very suddenly several months ago and has been staying in Canada since then, has returned to his home this week.

Mrs. E. F. Stone, who has been in Portland, Me., for a few weeks attending her mother, who has been sick, returned home this week, as her mother is considerably improved.

Tbe lecture by Rev. G. W. Locke of Belchertown at the Methodist church last Friday evening drew a good-sized audience, and quite a sum of money was realized by the society.

Thomas Carmody will sell at auction to-morrow building lote situated on the Ware road. These lots are a part of the Luther Collis estate, and were bought by Mr. Carmody at the administrator's sale last year.

The orange tea which was postponed some time ago owing to the repairs being made on the church, will be held in the vestry next Wednesday evening. A choice programme has been provided and a good time is assured.

Mrs. A. L. Squier, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ryther, left this week for Plainville, where her busband, Rev. A. L. Squier, has been appointed to the pastorate of the Methodist church.

George A. Jacobs, second-band in the finishing room, and Mies Lillian Stackpole of Lowell, were married at tbe bride's home in Lowell Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. Charles Evane of this place was one of the ushers. After the ceremony the bridal couple left on a wedding tour, visiting New York and other places of interrst. They returned to this village the last of this week and will make their home here.

William Donovan, 49, died early last Friday morning of pneumonia. Mr. Donovan bad an attack of the grippe several weeks ago and went out of doors too soon; he euffered a relapse, and pneumonia eet in. The deceased leavee a wife and eix children three girls and three boys. The funeral was held Sunday at two o'clock, services being conducted in St. Bartholomew's church by Rev. William Ryan. The body was interred in the Catholic cemetery at Thorndike.

It is a disgrace to the town of Belchertown the way tbe saloons in the south part of tbe town are allowed to conduct their businees. They pay hardly any attention to Sundays or holidays. Every Sunday crowds of men and boys are to be seen going in and out of both placee, eome of them so drunk they can hardly etand. Even boys of 17 or younger eeem to be able to get all the liquor they want, and have been eeen on the street badly intoxicated. Patriot's Day the places did a rushing business, and eeveral drunken rows took place on tbe etreet in front of the hotel during the afternoon.

Sudden Death of Mrs. H. W. Canterbury.

Marcia, 62, wife of Henry W. Canterbury, died very suddenly at her home last Sunday morning of apoplexy. Mrs. Canterbury had been feeling as well as usual, arose Sunday morning as usual and was making preparations to attend church when the fatal ehock came. She was nearly dressed when she suddenly eank to the floor and died almost instantly, without speaking a word. Her sudden death is a severe shock to Mr. Canterbury, who is about 80 years old and in very poor health. Besides her husband she leaves three children, Nellie M., wife of Rufus L Bond of this place, Charles H. Shewbrooks of New Haven, and John W. Shewbrooks of Holden; also a sister, Mrs. Mary W. Shumway of Monson, and two brothers, H. D. Works of Grinnell, Iowa, and S. S Works of Minneapolis, Minn. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of the deceased. Services were conducted by Rev. R E. Smith, and there was singing by a choir. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, among them being a bouquet of twenty-four Easter lilies. The remains were interred in the Mt. Hope cemetery at Belchertown.

THORNDIKE.

"A Prisoner of War" at opera house, Palmer, three nights next week.

Attend the May breakfast and dinner in the Congregational church at Palmer one week from to-morrow.

Miss Mamie Sheehan has gone to work in Springfield.

Dr. M. W. Roche of Pawtucket, R. I., is visiting his parents.

Miss Maggie Hartnett spent Easter in town with her parents.

Miss Katie Loftus has gone to work at dressmaking in Springfield.

George Williams of Millbury spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. S. E. Stearns left on Thursday for a visit with friends in Lowell.

James Bradley of New York, formerly of this place, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Healey, an old resident of this place, died at her home this morning at 5 o'clock.

Joseph LaPlante, an old and well-known resident, is confined to his house by illness.

M. E. Keefe succeeds James J. Griffin as foreman of the Thorndike Co's. machine shop.

Miss Grace, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, is ill at her home on the farm.

Mrs. A. P. Adams entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

Jeremiah Sugrue, who left here to play on the Pawtucket, R. I., team, has returned home.

R. L. Bond has put in a new walk and is doing some grading about his Exchange Block.

The Polish inhabitants will give a dance in one of the halls in about two weeks.

The schools in the village re-opened on Tuesday after a vacation of a couple of weeks.

Miss Ada J. Murdock has returned from her visit with friends in Worcester and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sullivan, Jr., are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, on Friday last.

Mrs. B J. Sullivan is acting as agent for the Dr. Hawkins Medical Company of Springfield.

Miss Nellie Riley spent Easter with her sisters, Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Lyons in Springfield.

Miss B. McAuley of Ware was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burns, for a part of the past week.

Daniel J. Sugrue has bought the Burns property, consisting of house, barn and land on High street.

H. E. W. Clark's residence on Commercial street is being painted; A. A. Houghton is doing the work.

P. W. Fleming of Chicopee Falls spent Sunday in town with his sisters, the Misses Fleming of Main street.

Dennis Morse, son of Nelson Morse of Pine avenue, has gone to Maine to live with his sister, Mrs. Lucy Ward.

Miss Mary Anthony, formerly of this town, now of Holyoke, spent Easter here as the guest of Miss Nellie Flynn.

The Thorndikes will play at Bondsville to-morrow afternoon on the Union Hotel grounds. Game called at 3 o'clock.

James J. Griffin left on Tuesday to commence work with his new employers, the Morgan Envelope Co., of Springfield.

Mrs. Joseph Come, who was scalded with hot water one day last week, is somewhat better, but her condition is still serious.

Mrs. George Deansault and the Misses Deansault of Ware were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaPlant of Main street tbe past week.

Mrs. Anna McCuska of Jewett City, formerly of this place, was the guest of her aunt, Miss Katie Daily, for a few days the past week.

Edward Warriner of Westfield, who was for a time employed by A. M. Bond, was visiting acquaintances in town during tbe past few days.

Miss Rosanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Genard of Church street, who has been very ill during the past week, is reported as being much better.

E J. Longtine went to Millbury on Saturday to play with the local club of that place. He has also had an offer to play with the Waterbury, Ct., team.

Patriot's Day was observed in tbe usual quiet way, no celebration of any kind being held. The mills closed during the entire day, and most of the business places closed at noon.

Superintendent of Streets Brainerd has set a gang of men to work this week on Commercial street. The long bridge near the B. and A. depot will be overhauled for repairs as soon as the timbers are ready.

Easter Sunday was observed in the churches as usual with special music and services. The day being a fine one, the audiences were large. Many new and handsome Easter hats and bonnets were conspicuous.

Mr. Mayett, a former resident of this place, died last week at the home of his daughter in Fitchburg. Mr. Mayett was the father of Frank Mayett, who was in business here for eome time under the firm name of Mayett & Walker.

Next Sunday being the 50th anniversary of the last time that the First and Second Congregational churches of Palmer met together before going to their new homes, and as at that time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the mother church has invited the Second church to unite with her in commemoration of that occasion next Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. At this time a letter from Rev. Mosee K. Cross, who was the pastor fifty years ago will be read.

DIED.

At Bondsville, 16th, William Donovan, 49.
At Fosket's Mills, 21st, Mrs. Rufus Fosket, 82. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) at 1.30 p. m.
At Monson, 17th, Mrs. Sarah K., wife of Samuel Howard.
At South Belchertown, 18th, Marcia A., 62, wife of Henry Canterbury.

FOR SALE.—Two new milch cows. 2-3 C. T. BRAINERD, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

ROOM TO RENT.—Inquire of MRS. N. S. INGRAM, Park street, Palmer. 4-2

TENEMENT TO RENT.—In house of C. L. Gardner on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 2-tf

FOR SALE.—The Dwight M. Stebbins homestead in Three Rivers. Enquire of 47-tf C. L. GARDNER, Palmer.

BOQUET DAHLIAS FOR SALE. Choice varieties, 10c each, three for 25c, postpaid. 4-3 H. L. RYTHER, Bondsville.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—from prize winning Barred Plymouth Rocks. 4-tf RALPH LEGRO, Palmer.

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FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—House corner of Thorndike street and Foster aveune. Hay 65c 100 pounds. 3-tf C. W. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE.—A fine 10-room house with large hall and good closets, barn. All in good repair. Lot 82 feet front and 60 feet deep. Centrally located, near to schools, churches, stores and post office. JOHN A. ORCUTT, 4-4 Monson, Mass.

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EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Light Brahmas, Buff Cochin, Black Poland; White Poland, Bantams; Silver Hamburgs, Black Minorcas, $1 per 13. JOHN RILEY, Box 2, 33 Thorndike, Mass.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.

Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property near "Parksville" in Brimfield, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. C. W. JOHNSON.

Palmer, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

20 lbs. Fine Granulated Sugar, $1
York State Pea Beans, 7c qt., 4 qts., 25c
5 lb. pail Jelly, 25c
5 lb. box fresh packed Belchertown Creamery Butter, $1.15
Washburn & Crosby's Superlative Flour, there is none better, $5
White Loaf Flour, the best St. Louis milled, $5
A good Coffee, 25c
The best Coffee, 38c
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My line of Teas is not surpassed in this vicinity.
Prunes, 5, 10 and 13c lb.
I have a few pounds of fine old fashioned Dried Apple.

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Ladies' Russet Oxfords, Needle and Opera Toe, former price $2.00, SALE PRICE $1.00.

Ladies' Russet Oxfords, 60c PAIR, Reduced from 85c.

Men's Heavy Shoes, Lace or Congress, former price, $2.25 and 2.50, SALE PRICE $1.75.

Men's Calf Lace or Congress Shoes, Needle Toe, former price $2.50, SALE PRICE $2.00.

Men's Patent Leather Lace Shoes, Needle Toe, former price $3.50, SALE PRICE $2.75.

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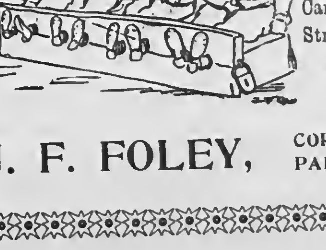

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The annual May breakfast and dinner will be served in the Congregational church at Palmer next week Saturday. You are invited to attend.

Miss Clara Turner, of "The Girl Spy," is an actress of exceptional ability, and her impersonation of the different characters which she assumed was the very best. Mr. Miller as Private O'Houey, kept the house in continued good humor.—*Towanda, Pa., Daily News.* Opera house, Palmer, three nights next week.

THE ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

Much Larger Attendance Than Usual—Voters Watchful of Their Privileges.

The adjourned town meeting Tuesday afternoon, at which the appropriations were made, was attended by the largest crowd of recent years at a similar meeting. After the announcement last week that the committee of seven appointed to make recommendations as to appropriations proposed to keep their action to themselves until the meeting, there seemed to be a feeling that there was a "cat in the meal" somewhere, and the voters evidently were on their guard. Then, too, a communication in the JOURNAL of last week was the cause of many voters attending who otherwise would have remained at home. Their fears were groundless, however, for the recommendations of the committee were reasonable, considering the information given them on the various subjects, and the voters had no cause for complaint. There was a commendable disposition to keep the appropriations down as low as possible, and at the same time grant all the money actually needed. Not all the money asked for by the school committee was granted; the committee of seven cut down some of the figures, and the voters stood by them. On the other hand the committee made no recommendation regarding a new engine house, yet the voters granted $1000 for this purpose on the statement of the chief engineer and foreman of the company that it was badly needed; $300 for a sidewalk on High street was also voted against the recommendation of the committee. Samuel Closson wanted $6000 appropriated for highways, but $4000 was deemed sufficient, it being recommended that macadam road building be suspended for this year. The school committee originally asked $3200 for Academy tuition, and the recommendation was $2800, but the committee did not see how it could get along on less than $3000, with the probable entering class, and the latter sum was granted. On the whole the meeting was very harmonious until the close, when there was a tilt between D. G. Potter and ex-Selectman Norcross when it came to the question of accepting the reports of the town officers. The former claimed that in the town farm account a charge of interest on the plant should have appeared, its omission deceiving the voters. Mr. Norcross denied any attempt to deceive anyone, arguing that the item was well understood and that no one was deceived by its omission; that no interest was charged on the cost of the building in the town hall account, but that it also was understood by the voters. The amounts to be raised by taxation are:

Liquor Prosecution,		$ 400
Highway and Bridges,		4,000
Support of Poor,		1,700
Schools:		
Teachers' Salaries,	$5,800	
Academy Tuition,	3,000	
Fuel,	475	
Janitors,	450	
Supplies,	850	
Repairs,	500	
Superintendent's Salary,	525	
School Committee Salary,	150	
Transportation,	400	
Incidentals,	100	12,250
Interest on Water Bonds,		2,000
Public Library,		300
Discount on taxes,		1,300
Sidewalks,		500
Street Lights,		1,575
Cemetery purposes,		500
Memorial Day,		100
Fire Engine House,		1,000
Fire Department,		300
High Street Sidewalk,		300
Total,		$26,225

The sum of $3000 was voted for incidentals, to be taken from the corporation tax. These officers were elected to fill vacancies: Surveyor of lumber, A. H. Danforth; measurer of wood, G. C. Flynt, C. L. Gould; sealer of weights and measures, Horace Squier; field drivers, John C. Maguire, Samuel Closson.

Hampden County Endeavor Convention.

The seventh annual convention of the Hampden county Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the Congregational church Monday afternoon and evening. There was a good delegation from most of the towns in the county which have societies, although there was not as many registered as in former years. The afternoon exercises began with a song service. Rev. F. S. Hatch, pastor of the church, welcomed the visitors and conducted the devotional exercises. A business meeting followed, after which an address was given by Miss Martha E. Race, secretary of the Florida state union, on "Personality in Christian Endeavor work." This was followed by an address on "625 B. C.—A wheel within a wheel—A. D. 1897," by Rev. B. E. Bates of Haverhill. A junior exercise was conducted by Miss Nellie G. Jerome of Worcester, superintendent of the state junior Y. P. S. C. E. Rev. William B. Forbush of Warren gave an address on "He came where he was." Rev. John L. Maile of New York gave a talk on "The effect on missions on Christian Endeavor. After the afternoon session a supper was served in the church vestry. The evening service was opened at 6.45 with an organ recital, followed by a song and devotional exercise, which was followed by an address by Rev. A. Z Conrad of Worcester on "Spiritual imperialism." After this the reports of committees and presentations of banners took place. It was decided to hold the next convention at the Memorial church in Springfield. The exercises were closed with an address by H. H. Spooner, former president of the Illinois state union, on "Cast the net on the right side." A special train took the visitors to Palmer at 9.10, where a special train was made up for Springfield and way stations.

James Moran of Mansfield is visiting at H. C. Webb's.

Robert Wallace is ill at his home on Harrison avenue.

Mrs. John Powers of Norwich is visiting at Dennis Crowley's.

Miss Blanche Lyman of Palmer spent Easter with Miss Effie Aldrich.

Alfonso Gaouette is visiting his brother, A. N Gaouette, on Washington street.

Herbert Duncan is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan.

Fred W. King and wife of Chicago are spending a few days with friends in town.

Rev. J. P. Hawley of New Hartford, Ct., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. L. Keeney.

Mrs. George H. Newton has been spending a few days with her daughter in Palmer, Mrs. A. E. Fitch.

Florest Pease has leased the Gates place on High street, and is to transfer his hot house there soon.

The regular meeting of A. A. Gage Camp, Sons of Veterans, will be held in G. A. R. hall next Tuesday night.

The body of Albert Peck was taken from the tomb in No. 1 cemetery Wednesday and placed in the Ira Peck lot.

Easter Footwear.

Our line of Footwear for Easter is now complete, and it includes as for style and durability some of the finest on the market.

We call your attention to our fine line of

Ladies' Oxfords

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was never shown in Monson. The newest for style and the kind that wear.

COME IN AND SEE THEM.

FULLER,

The Monson Shoeist.

"Some famous Monson people" will be the subject of the sermon at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Miss Esther R. Holmes, Miss Mary Anderson and Miss Mabel Anderson are spending a few days in New York.

The selectmen have appointed Edward P Donovan assistant engineer of the fire department, in place of Charles W. King

The marriage of Miss Nellie Kennedy to Thomas S. Crowley will take place next Wednesday at 4 p. m at the parochial residence.

Miss Lillian Brown has returned to her home in Ware after a short visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith on High street.

At a meeting of the parish committee of the Universalist church Tuesday night, it was decided that the rental of the pews should take place next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the church.

Daniel Gallivan has taken a position with the Flynt Building and Construction Company of Palmer, and has gone to Cordova, Ala., where the company has the contract for building a large mill.

The class of '98 at the Academy met Tuesday night, electing the following officers: President, W. F. Quinn; vice president, R P. Gavin; secretary, Miss Helen M. Pease; treasurer, Miss Bertha M. Noble.

The annual Easter concert and ball, which was held in Memorial Hall Monday evening, was not as well attended as usual, there being only about 60 couples present. The concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra was well rendered. The grand march was led by Henry F. Miller and Miss Effie Aldrich.

Samuel Fitzgerald, 61, died at his home on Wilbraham road Wednesday afternoon of acute Bright's disease, after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Fitzgerald was born in England in 1835, coming to this country when he was 21 years old, and has for the past 17 years lived in Monson. He was employed by the W. N. Flynt Granite Company. He leaves besides a widow, four children, Joseph, who is at home, Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. A. M. Baggs of Belchertown, and Mrs. Perry Walker of Granby. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating; burial will be in the Center cemetery.

The Ladies' Circle will serve a supper in the Universalist church next Tuesday evening. An entertainment will follow, given by the young people, and Miss Lillian Lapham, contralto, of Springfield, will sing. The farce entitled, "Timothy Delano's Courtship," will be presented with this cast of characters:

Timothy Delano,	W. L. Ricketts
Aunt Tabiatha,	Miss Alice L. Parke
Rick,	A. J. Bullington
Hildegarde,	Miss Musa A. Babbitt

Sarah Nye, wife of Samuel F. Howard, died Saturday afternoon at her home on Hampden avenue. Mrs. Howard had been an invalid for about three years, being confined to a wheel-chair nearly all the time. She was a most estimable woman, and bore her illness with great patience; was always cheery and made others so. She was a member of the Dorcas society. Monson had been her home for about 12 years. Besides her husband she left two sons, Launcelot M. and Charles C. The funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Congregational church officiating. The burial was at Lee, Wednesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Gage, widow of Alvin A. Gage, was held at her late home Saturday afternoon. Rev. F. S Hatch of the Congregational church conducted the services, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norcross sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." There were a great many flowers; among them was a wreath from A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, a bunch of roses from Marcus Keep post, a basket from the Dorcas Society, a basket from Marcus Keep corps, and a Maltese cross from the King's Daughters. The burial was in the Center cemetery and the bearers were members of the family.

WEST WARREN.

Wallace Caldwell spent Patriot's Day at his home.

Andrew Martin will leave soon to have charge of a card room at Jewett City, Ct.

Charles Tannebring, overseer at No. 1 mill weave room, has gone to Three Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lester of Springfield spent Sunday and Patriot's Day in town.

Mrs. E T. Hall and children of West Brookfield have been visiting at her home this week.

Miss Kate Brosnan, teacher in the Main street brick building, has resigned on account of ill health.

Robert Armond left for New York Tuesday, where he will have charge of the dressing room in the Brighton mills.

Rev. N. L. Porter has moved his goods and family to North Brookfield. His successor, Rev. John Mason, will arrive in town this week.

Officer Thompson was called to arrest two men from Warren who were beating a stranger on the Palmer road Monday. One was captured, and the other is at large. The stranger is a German, and is quite sick at No 3 boarding house. Dr. DeLand attended him.

Many of the mill hands have found work in other places, and will move their families there at once. Rents have been reduced nearly or quite one-half, and all preparations are being made for a siege of hard times.

Both Hands Blown Off by Dynamite.

The foreman of a gang of Italians at work in getting out stone for the abutments of the new Boston and Albany bridge at this place lost both his hands by a dynamite explosion Thursday morning. With several other men he was at work in drilling out an old charge of dynamite. He was holding the drill when it went off. The unexpected explosion tore the drill from his hands, one of which was entirely missing and the other hung by so slender a thread that it was cut off while being temporarily dressed at Warren. He was taken to the hospital at Worcester on the noon train, where amputation was performed on both arms.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. W. A. Janes is visiting in Worcester this week.

Louis L. Brown of Boston was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown have been in Boston for a week.

Mrs. Lathrop of Brooklyn N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Porter Parker.

W. A. Janes caught four trout last week which tipped the scales at three pounds.

William Streeter of Revere made a short stay with his cousin, George Streeter, this week.

Mrs. Carrie Fisk of Springfield visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fisk Spaulding, last Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Earle has been called to Lancaster by the illness of her sister, Miss Ella Wood, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley are the happy parents of a ten-pound boy, which arrived at their home last Friday.

Miss Bertha Bliss entertained the class of '97 of the Hitchcock Free High School with a class supper last Friday evening.

John Warren and sister of Worcester were in town Saturday to attend the meeting of the stockholders of the Brimfield hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Streeter opened their home for a sociable, given by the people of the Congregational church, last Friday evening.

Horatio L. Converse moved into his new store on Monday. Mr. Converse may well feel proud of such a store, as no town outside of a city can boast of a finer one.

Mrs. N. S. Hubbard, who has been in Waltham during the past month, returned to her home last week Thursday, accompanied by her nephew, Walter Newell.

The stockholders of the Brimfield hotel company held a meeting in the town hall Saturday afternoon. A corporation was organized and the following officers elected: Board of directors, J. M. Warren, C. S. Tarbell, G. M. Hitchcock, H. L Converse and C. L. Gould; clerk, Dr. R. V. Sawin; treasurer, G. M. Hitchcock.

Easter services were observed at the Congregational church last Sunday with a good-sized audience. The regular choir observed the occasion by selecting music appropriate to the day. Easter lilies, palms, ferns and blossoming plants surrounded the pulpit, Mrs. Will Janes and Mrs. Everett Sherman being in charge of the decorations. Rev. R. J. Kyle, the pastor, preached upon the resurrection.

BELCHERTOWN.

Miss Sarah Alden is visiting friends in Springfield.

Lyman Harvey, an old resident, is suffering from a paralytic shock.

The Methodist church will hold its Easter concert next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lyman of Northampton are expected at their home in Belchertown about May 1.

The Park Association met Wednesday evening and elected these officers: President, H. A. Hopkins; vice president, Arthur Bridgman; treasurer, W. E. Bridgman; secretary, Miss L A. Barton; executive committee, L. W. Dillon, H. F. Curtis, R. L Bridgman. W. H. Bridgman, F. D. Walker, Mrs. H. D. Hoag and T. J. S. Parsons.

The Belchertown Congregational church society has voted to hire Rev. George J. Newton for another year at $900. It was voted to lay concrete walks from the church to the chapel and at both entrances of the chapel, also to use the envelope system another year, and $100 was voted for music. The following committees were elected: Prudential, M. W. Bardwell, A. P. Bartlett, D F. Shumway, music, F. L. Stebbins, White Hawks, H. A. Hopkins.

"Tim" Kenfield, the Well-known Violinist of Belchertown.

A DOUBLE GOLDEN WEDDING.

"Tim" Kenfield, a Familiar Figure at Western Mass. Dances for 50 Years, Celebrates 50th Anniversary.

Fifty years of blissful matrimony has been the happy experience of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy S. Kenfield of Belchertown. The ceremony which united this couple was performed in Vernon, Vt., April 20th, 1847, and the anniversary of the event was celebrated in a quiet manner at Mr. Kenfield's home on Main street in Belchertown Tuesday by a small family gathering. Another event of unusual occurrence connected with this celebration was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stone of Enfield, Mrs. Stone being Mr. Kenfield's sister, at the same time and place. Fifty years ago it was the custom in Massachusetts to publish marriage intentions for several weeks, and to avoid the notoriety thus caused Mr and Mrs. Kenfield went to Vernon, Vt., where such advertising was not necessary, and were married. Concerning the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stone at the same time, Mr. Kenfield says, in his peculiarly dry manner: "My sister and her fellow went to keep us company, and when we got there I vow if they didn't stand up and get married too." Those present Tuesday were Mrs. Lottie Hutchins of Chicopee and Rodolphus Kenfield, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenfield, and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bridgman.

Mr. Kenfield was born in Enfield in 1822, the son of Shobel Kenfield; Mrs. Kenfield was born in Monson, the daughter of Nathaniel and Mehitabel Hicks. They have resided in Belchertown for 47 years, and are well known and highly esteemed by the whole community. Although the snows of 75 winters have whitened their heads, they are both enjoying good health and bid fair to see many returns of their anniversary day.

To say that Mr. Kenfield is well known in Belchertown is putting it mild. He and his beloved "fiddle" are well known to many people all through Western Massachusetts, for he has long been ascribed the honor of being the foremost "fiddler" of this section. At the early age of 14 he developed a love for the art in which he afterwards became so proficient, and requested his parents to purchase him a fiddle. His mother was at first adverse, but recognizing the genius of her son, which was not to be mistaken, she consented and his father bought him one at the munificent price of four bushels of oats In those day "catgut" strings were a great rarity, and his mother used to spin and twist silk for his violin. At the age of 20 Mr Kenfield went to Boston and spent some time under the direction of a German master of the violin named Schmidt, and also fitted himself for a teacher of singing under Prof. Witherby. From that time his services were in constant demand. He has officiated at countless dances and balls in all the towns within a radius of many miles, and taught singing school at Enfield, Palmer, Hardwick, Belchertown, Northampton, Pittsfield, and in many other places in different parts of the state. He played constantly for more than 15 years with Eliot Thompson, an old dancing-master, and for 25 years he was associated with John Bacon of Brimfield. In those early days there was very little printed music excepting that which was imported, and could only be obtained at very high prices; consequently Mr. Kenfield composed the greater part of his music with much difficulty and labor, and all his pieces were considered rare productions. At one time he had more than 75 sets of quadrilles for five instruments.

The first time that Mr. Kenfield ever played in public was at a ball given in the old Randall hall at Pelham, which was several years after he procured his first fiddle. The amount of money he received for his services was 25 cents. He next played for a public ball in Palmer in the old Palmer House—now the Converse House—hall as far back as when the hall ran out over the horse sheds. He has since played many times in that town, and many of its residents who have danced merrily to the sweet strains of music drawn with his master band from the strings of his violin will long and kindly remember him. When Bordman Shaw ran the Antique House, now the Weeks House, Mr. Kenfield would stay for weeks at a time at the hotel to accommodate dancing parties. For many years he conducted an orchestra with Fred Munger of Palmer playing the bass viol, Louis Coburn of the same place the clarinet, with several other well-known musicians. In fact, for a time no dance in Western Massachusetts was complete without "Bacon & Kenfield's Orchestra," Mr. Kenfield leading and playing first violin, Mr. Bacon playing second violin and prompting A familiar figure was "Tim" Kenfield at these dances; and when in later years the long hours began to have their effect on the wakefulness of the aged violinist, it was nothing uncommon to see him asleep in his place in the orchestra playing the familiar round of "Money Musk," "Hull's Victory," or some other contra dance as well as his associates. Many a maiden who danced to Mr. Kenfield's music has grown up to see her children dance the same dances to the same music.

Mr. Kenfield was also for some years bandmaster and first violinist in the orchestra of Dr. Thomas Meekins of Northampton and also Stratton & Silbey's orchestra of Hartford, Ct. He led a band in Belchertown for a number of years, playing the D flat cornet. On the occasion when Col. Myron Walker gave a reunion to his regiment in Belchertown, and many famous bands were present, including Colt's band of Hartford, Mr. Kenfield distinguished himself by the superior character of the music rendered by his band and won much deserved praise

The violin that Mr. Kenfield still uses has an interesting history. He has had it in his possession for 50 years. It came from across the ocean and is over 100 years old. It is an instrument that will stand all changes in temperature, and respond at once in musical tones to the touch of its master. Mr. Kenfield has become very much attached to it, and prizes it very highly. He has also an old bassoon, which is a German instrument, played by the means of a bent mouth-piece and reed. Several years ago one of his hands became injured, rendering him unable to play, but recently it has recovered so as to allow him to play in flats, but this he can do only with difficulty. At the old folk's concert given a short time ago Mr. Kenfield appeared upon the stage and drew from his violin those tones of melody so well known to the village people, to the great delight of the audience.

Mr. Kenfield is a very pleasant old gentleman who says that life has always been a pleasure to him, and Mrs. Kenfield is greatly beloved by all her neighbors and is known as "Auntie" to all the children Their many friends wish them happiness and comfort while they enjoy this life, and when they are done here, an abundant entrance into that other world where they can ever hear those strains of heavenly music not drawn by mortal hands.

WILBRAHAM.

Prof. M. R. Sanford, teacher of natural science in the Academy, is kept from his classes by illness.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied by Prof. R. W. Cooper of Wesleyan Academy Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Fayette Nichols.

Rev. M. S. Howard had an Easter sermon Sunday morning and the Sunday school held Easter exercises in the evening. Mr. Howard was recently called to South Dartmouth to attend the funeral of one of his former parishioners.

LUDLOW.

B. F. Burr has qualified as a justice of the peace.

Messrs. Blodgett and Burr have received an order for 4000 railroad ties from the consolidated railroad.

The young people of the Union church will present the "District School" in Joy's hall next Wednesday. The proceeds will be devoted to parish expenses.

Mrs. Emilie Riese, 81, widow of Frederick Riese, died at Ludlow Center Sunday afternoon. Two daughters survive her, Mrs. Agnese Shroeder and Mrs. A. J. Chapin, both of Ludlow.

WALES.

James Powers of Athol is visiting his sister here.

Invitations are out for one golden and two silver weddings within three weeks.

Charles M. Gale has been very busy delivering nursery stock among the farmers this week.

George Mandigo, who left two weeks ago for Vermont, has returned and is driving team again.

Mr. Marsells, the local blacksmith, is away to get married, and will soon return with his bride.

Warren W. Matthews has thoroughly renovated and repaired the home he bought recently, and has moved into it.

Rev. George P. Camp has been returned by the Methodist conference, and will remain pastor of the M. E. church another year.

Mrs. Entwistle of Monson exhibited fancy embroidery work and works of art at Dr. Ross's parlors Wednesday and Thursday, which were greatly admired by the ladies.

Two drunken young men said to hail from Warren tipped over in the ditch the other day. The carriage top was smashed, and one fellow's head also. Dr. Ross was called to dress the wound, which he did by sewing and bandaging his head; he was then loaded into his team and with his companion, who was a little more sober, sent on his way home to Warren.

WARE.

John Dubia has bought a building lot on Velview avenue for $300.

A seven-months-old child of Joseph Deslauriers died Monday of the measles.

Mrs. Willis King, 22, formerly of Ware, died at Greenwich last week Thursday.

Joseph Emonds has sold a cottage on Sherwin street to Campbell Seaton for $1500

The selectmen will visit the places owned by those who have applied for liquor licenses Monday afternoon.

Miss Bridget Maddigan and Patrick O'Brien were married Tuesday afternoon at All Saints' church by Rev. James Boyle.

The Easter collection taken at All Saints' church for the support of the rector amounted to $1040, which is the largest ever taken in the parish.

Rev. A. C. White of the Unitarian church will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Cuba" in the town hall May 5th under the auspices of S. B. Bond camp, Sons of Veterans.

Charles Faulkner, head master of the high school since last September, retired from the position Tuesday, but will continue to live in Ware for several months.

The school board has chosen W. S. Ross of Attleboro principal of the high school at a salary of $1500, in place of Charles Faulkner, resigned There were four out-of-town candidates for the position.

The no school signals arranged by the superintendent of schools are as follows: Signals for no schools will be sounded on the fire alarm a half hour before sessions to which they apply; four double strokes mean no school in any grade; eight double strokes mean no school in the first three grades.

Ex-Prisoners of Ware Meet.

The annual meeting of the Western Massachusetts Association of ex-prisoners of war was held in Grand Army Hall Monday. At the business meeting in the morning H. T. Heald of Northampton was re-elected commander, P. A. Streeter of Holyoke vice commander, and George H. Ray of Florence adjutant and quartermaster. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted to the family of Peter Aubrey, who died in Florence. Mr. Aubrey was chief of police in the Andersonville prison. F. P. Clark and W. V. Howard of Ware and George Collins of Enfield were admitted as associate members. An excellent banquet was served in Masonic Hall by the Woman's Relief Corps, at which about 200, including many leading citizens and women sat down. After the banquet Selectman Crowley made an address of welcome and speeches were make by Rev. James Boyle of Ware, W. P. Derby and Col. S. C. Warriner of Springfield, and others. A quartette rendered selections between the speeches, and Miss Nettie Shaw of Belchertown recited "A Tribute to the Soldier." The association will meet in Holyoke next year.

WARREN.

Mrs. Colburn of Worcester was the guest of Mrs. Asahel Fairbank yesterday.

A large delegation attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Spencer Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Morgan of Northampton was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hastings this week.

About 75 shade trees are being set out in Pine Grove cemetery by the cemetery commissioners.

The annual meeting of the parish auxiliary of the Congregational church was held in the chapel this afternoon.

The board of health have organized with Dr. C. A. DeLand chairman and Joseph G. Hastings clerk. Hosea B. Smith was appointed agent of the board.

The loss of Rev. Mr. Nichols and wife from town is felt by all denominations. They take with them to their new charge the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

A delegation of about seventy-five returned from Cambridge Saturday night to spend Sunday and Monday. As usual the town gave her returning sons a royal welcome.

The North Brookfield high school hall nine defeated the Warren high school team 11 to 4 Monday morning. The batteries were Kemp and Bergen, and T. Cunningham and Sheridan

The Village Improvement Society asks the coöperation of all citizens in the observance of Arbor Day to-morrow, April 24th. It is hoped that on or before that time all refuse and papers will be removed from streets and premises, and that as many as possible will set out trees and vines.

All of the churches were prettily decorated for Easter with potted plants and lilies. There was a Sunday school concert at the Universalist church in the evening, and a special musical program at the Congregational church, the choir being assisted by Mrs. Newhall of Brookfield, who rendered some very pleasing solos.

Philip M. Jennings died Monday morning at his home on East street of Bright's desease after a year's illness. Besides a widow he leaves two children, Kittie M, wife of C. L. Converse, and Philip B. Jennings of New York. The funeral was held at his late home Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were held at his late home on East street at 1 30 Wednesday afternoon, and were attended by Rev. W. B. Forbush. Mr. Jennings was a member of Clara Barton Post, G. A. R. The beautiful floral tributes bespoke the esteem of many relatives and friends.

The warrant is posted for a special town meeting to be held next Thursday at 12 o'clock. The business will include the election of an assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Isaac E. Moore. Other matters are to see if the town will instruct the selectmen to engage a night and Sunday police; to see if the town will instruct the overseers of the poor to apportion the purchases for the town farm and town poor evenly among the various stores; to see if the town will vote to rebuild a bank wall on the east side of road leading to Coy hill; to see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money to pay its share in the change of grade crossings at West Warren.

The following appointments for the minor town offices have been made by the selectmen: Superintendent of streets, Fred H. Sylvester; field drivers, Herbert B Carpenter, E. Carroll Bliss, William S. Patrick, Archer N. Tuttle, George M. Faulkner, William J. Dagan and H R. Trickey; fence viewers, Charles N. Shepard, Samuel N. Cutler and Milton Dickson; pound keeper, Herbert R. Burroughs; measurers of wood and bark, Nathan R Moore and Milton Dickson; forest fire wardens, Henry S. Hyde, Fred N. Lawrence, Herbert A Day, H. Melvern Underwood and John Collins; weighers of hay and straw, Charles B. Blair and Charles O Walker; registrar of voters for three years, J. L. A. Faneuf; weigher of coal, Stacy W. Bridge; ganger of weights and measures, Nathan R. Moore; burial agents under chapter 279 of Acts of 1896, Lovell L. Gage and Henry M Converse.

An April Wedding.

A delightful home wedding took place Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Tisdale, when their only daughter, Mattie May, was married to Frank P Stearns Rev. A R Nichols performed the ceremony, using the Episcopal form with a ring. Miss Mabel E Nye rendered the wedding march, and the bridal party stood under an arch of evergreen and laurel The bride wore a gown of mousseline de soie over white lansdowne, and carried a bunch of bridal roses The maid of honor was Miss Jennie Price, and the bridesmaids were Miss F. Mabel Winslow of Boston, Miss Esther L Gage of Somerville and Miss Nina T. Gould of Brookfield. The best man was Charles V. Stearns, brother of the groom, and the ushers were A. N. Kelley, C. F. Harwood and B P. Holman of Boston, and A. E. Shumway of Warren. A large number of guests were present from Springfield, Worcester and Boston After a short wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Stearns will be at home at 166 Highland avenue, Mr. Stearns having recently entered the employ of the George F Blake manufacturing company of East Cambridge.

CARD.—We desire to express to all our friends our heartfelt thanks for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the long illness and late bereavement in the death of wife and mother, Mrs. Sarah K. Howard.

S. F. HOWARD,
L. N. HOWARD,
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FROM A NEARBY CITY.

What Happened in Springfield is Bound to Happen in Palmer.

Readers of the Springfield *Union* and of the Springfield *News* are familiar with it. At first it created considerable excitement and the residents were anxious and curious to know "who would be next." Week after week went by and the good people of Springfield ceased to wonder and settled down to the fact that what their neighbors said must be true. What was successful in Springfield must be successful in Palmer. The publication of local testimony in Springfield about the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills has placed that remedy on the apex of the pyramid. Ask any citizen of Springfield what will cure backache? The answer invariably is Doan's Kidney Pills. The testimony of Mr. F. J. Burk, a street car conductor living at No. 5 Carew street has caused to help the "good thing" along. Palmer people are asked to read it. He says:—"I have had frequent attacks of lame back and backache of the kind there is no let up to. This brought on a trouble—some urinary disorder—too frequent and too copious. I doctored and wore plasters and did everything suggested. Finally I heard what Doan's Kidney Pills were doing here in Springfield, and resolved to try them. I got them and took them as directed. I never knew anything to act so perfectly on the organs as they did. My backache ceased, the lameness disappeared and the urinary trouble was corrected. I give Doan's Kidney Pills all the credit of it and I will endorse them every time."

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A novel inquiry has been made by the *Boston Journal* of its readers. The leading Republican daily of New England desires a closer acquaintance with its 80,000 subscribers. It already knows them as a body. It has had long and abundant experience of their intelligence, patriotism and steadfastness, but it is a misfortune of modern daily journalism that with broadened scope and vastly increased patronage the daily newspaper loses touch with the individual reader. By the wholesale methods of distribution the *Journal* has on its books the names of about 5000 subscribers who receive the papers in single wrappers directly from the office. This number is far larger than the corresponding list of any other Boston paper. It is probable that it is larger than the combined lists of all the other Boston dailies, and yet it is but little more than 6 per cent, of the *Journal's* total circulation. To learn the names and tastes of the buyers of the 75,000 papers circulated daily by agents and newsboys the *Journal* has inaugurated the first daily newspaper census ever undertaken. A blank was published with questions for the readers to answer, and the result promises to be of unusual value.

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Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she said it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption; tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Cold. Free trial bottles of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1897:

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House on Saturday, the first day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all Polls (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUES.

SECTION 11. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate, as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interests therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be proportioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessor's office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceeding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

H. T. BISHOP, JOHN O. HAMILTON, A. A. WARRINER, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, Mass, April 7th, 1897. 3-3

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Newton S. Hubbard, late of Brimfield, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Mary W. Ormes of Brimfield, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the fifth day of May, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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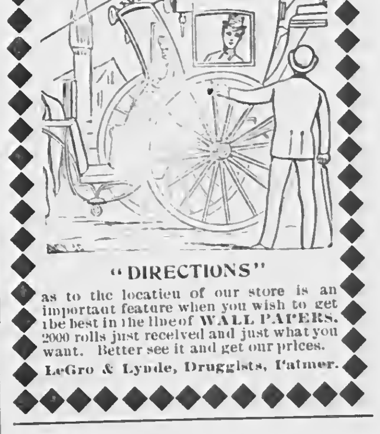

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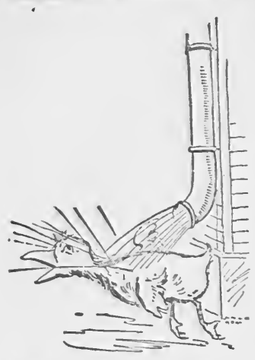

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FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
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Her husband went seaward for nervous prostration.
One day on her taldets she found an hour free—
The shock was too great, and she died instantlee!

—*Philadelphia Record.*

SOME FAVORITE ARMY NICKNAMES.

Of the numerous and amusing nicknames that have been used in reference to noted generals, there are perhaps none more fitting than those that were given to some of the commanders during the civil war. Of these, Gen. Grant and Gen. Thomas were more favored than their contemporaries. Uncle Sam, Unconditional Surrender, United States and United We Stand Grant have been the many interpretations of the initials of that general, and he was also called Old Three Stars, the number indicating his rank as lieutenant-general.

Gen. George H. Thomas was called Old Slow Trot and Pa Thomas by the army of the Tennessee, Old Reliable, on account of his sterling nature and his steadfast purpose, but the name most familiar to us is the one that was given him when steadfast he stood in Frick's Gap, on the field of Chickamauga, after the column of both his flanks had given away before the torrent of Bragg's onset; the hail of fire that swept the Union ranks moved him not a jot from his firm base, and the billow that swamped the rest of the field recoiled from him. "The rain descended, and the floods came and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." Therefore the soldiers of the Cumberland army were wont to call him the "Rock of Chickamauga." The same battle was associated with Gen. James B. Steadman, whose soldiers called him Old Steady.

"Old" seems to have been rather a term of endearment than otherwise with the soldiers. Gen. Rosecrans was called Old Rosy, Stonewall Jackson Old Jack, Gen. Halleck Old Brains, and Old Tommy and Old War-horse were both given to Gen. Thomas C. Devin, who commanded Devin's brigade during the war of the rebellion.

Gen. P. T. Beauregard was called Old Bory; he superseded Bonham in command of the forces at Manassas, about the first of June, 1861, and the South Carolinians said one day, 'Old Bory's come." Soon the Virginia troops had an opportunity of seeing this "Old Bory" who seemed so popular with the Palmetese. Little Napoleon was a name applied to him and to Gen. George B. McClellan. Uncle Robert was a sobriquet bestowed upon Gen. Lee, and in turn he gave the name The Gallant to Maj. John Pelham of the Confederate army.

Gen. John A. Logan was named Black Jack and Jack of Spades, because of his long, black hair and dark complexion. Gen. Early was called the Bad Old Man by the Confederate troops; the German general, Franz Sigel, was called Dutchy; Syksey was the name of Gen. Sykes; Rhody was applied to Gen. Burnsides, he having been formerly colonel of the 1st Rhode Island regiment; Skin-and-Bone was conferred on Gen. Mahone by the Confederate troops Gen. Kilpatrick was called Kill, and Physics was given to Gen. Crawford by the Pennsylvania reserves, he being a surgeon at the beginning of his military career.

Superb was a nickname given to Gen. Hancock from a remark made by Gen. Meade at Gettysburg, when the 2d corps repulsed Longstreet's men. One-Armed-Devil and One-Armed-Phil was Phil Kearney called by the Confederates.

Cockeye was a name given to Gen. Butler because one of his eyes was afflicted with strabismus, and his cognomen of Picayune Butler was given by the New Orleanaise, that being the well-known appellative of the colored barber in the basement of the St. Charles.

Stonewall Jackson was conferred on Gen. Thomas Jonathan Jackson, and the expression had its origin in the appellation used by the rebel Gen. Lee, on trying to rally his men at the battle of Bull Run, "There is Jackson standing like a stonewall, and from that day he was known as Stonewall Jackson, and his command as Stonewall's brigado.

Louisa was a sonbriquet given to Gen. Lew Wallace by the troops under his command. He was a great favorite for his fighting qualities, and the soldiers adopted that inappropriate name for want of a better one.—*New York Observer.*

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG MEN.

This does not refer to such acts as taking off one's hat to every woman or girl one knows, nor to any of the ordinary acts of politeness. Such are understood in these days. It does refer, however, to slight matters that mark the man or boy who knows what good manners are, and who invariably hears himself well in the presence of others. Such a boy never speaks to a girl or woman, if she is standing, without rising himself. I saw at a large restaurant, a short time ago, a man approach three women and three men who were eating supper. No one of the three men knew the fourth personally, but as he approached and spoke to a friend among the women, all three arose, and remained standing until the new-comer was gone. It was a mark of courtesy to the fourth man. It was a signification to the three ladies that for the time being the new arrival was allowed the privilege of speaking to any of them if they chose to invite it. That is merely an example of a small point, which, perhaps, was not necessary, but the action not only pleased the women, but certainly stamped the men as gentlemen.

Many a boy fails to rise from his chair when his mother enters the room, while he would get up at once if a stranger entered, and one would suppose that his mother, who is more to him than the rest of womankind put together, should, to say the least, have from him the same marks of courtesy as strangers. In fact, you can tell a boy's character pretty accurately by the way in which he treats his mother; for as a mother has probably done and will do more for her son than any other woman—with perhaps one exception—will ever do, so he ought, in return, to treat her as his most valuable possession. His courtesy, his chivalrous and knightly bearing towards her are never thrown away.—*Harper's Round Table.*

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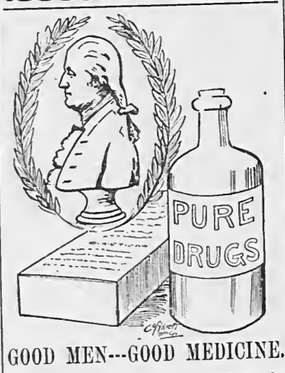

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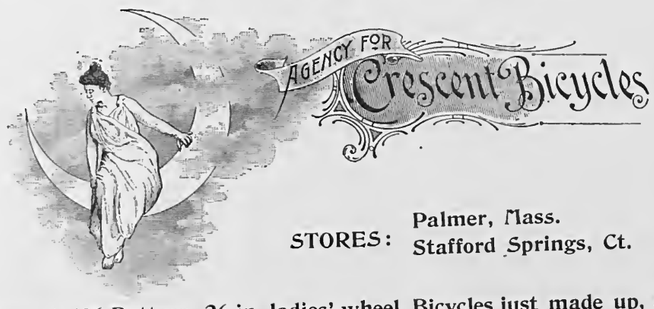

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Her dear old hands made the needles go.

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At exactly a quarter of five o'clock;
Indefatigable was she.
Till the bell would ring for crumpet and tea.

People would come and go, and say:—
"The good old lady looks well to-day."
And they'd ask if she ever took socks to darn,
But she'd go right on with her ball of yarn.

At last a drummer came up the creek
And vowed he would make the old lady speak;
"So you do nothing all day but sit
And fool with those needles?" She answered,
"Knit."

—*New York Tribune.*

A CUBAN RHAPSODY.

The guards dragged forward a prisoner—a big, broad-shouldered fellow with brown hair and blue eyes that told of other than the Latin race. Gen. Weyler, who, with Gen. Melquizo and Gen. Tomale, was seated upon the veranda, eyed the captive malignantly.

"Ah, Americano," said Weyler, mockingly, "your doom is near! You are helpless in my power!"

"I'll give you a kick in the face," retorted the undaunted captive. The guards closed densely around him and prevented him from carrying out his intention. Gen. Weyler laughed.

"You are an American spy—a speaking eavesdropper!"

"I'm not—" began the prisoner, but the general cut him short.

"There is no mercy here for Americans," said the fierce Spaniard. "Death—death to all Americans! You are far, far from home! You are in the hands of him who never knew pity or mercy! Do you not tremble?"

"I was about to say—" the prisoner recommenced, but again the great Spaniard checked his words.

"What death is fittest for such as he, my colleagues?" asked the stern commander.

"Boil him!" hissed Gen. Melquizo, with set teeth and glowering eye.

"Fricasee him!" snarled the cruel Tomale. And the assembled soldiery laughed aloud with glee.

"What I was trying to tell you, you baboon-faced idiot!" the prisoner exclaimed, with scornful mein and unflinching bearing—"what I was going to remark—"

"Away with your remarks!" snorted the commander. "What do we care for your explanations? Ha-ha! You are about to die! Tell me, where do you reside in those far-off states—and to whom can I send the joyous information of your frightful death?"

The captive sneered mockingly and drew forth a card. Weyler snatched the bit of pasteboard. As he read his face blanched suddenly. Then, with a cry of fear and an apologetic wriggle, he threw himself flat in the dust at the prisoner's feet. Gen. Melquizo, astounded, caught up the card and read it—then groveled at his commander's side.

With a proud, defiant walk and lordly indifference to the tears and prayers of the Spanish leaders, the erstwhile prisoner was escorted to headquarters by the regimental bands.

Gen. Weyler's face was very pale—Gen. Melquizo shivered as if an icy blast had struck him.

"What luck we are in!" they muttered.

The card had told them that their troopers had made a well-nigh fatal mistake—had arrested an Englishman for an American.—*Chicago News.*

STANDING TIMBER OF NEW ENGLAND.

The condition of our New England forest trees has always deeply interested me, writes Dr. T. H. Hoskius to *Garden and Forest*, and there was a time when locomotives were fired with wood and little or no coal was burned, that I feared for our forests. But that period has passed and I feel able to concur with experts in woodcraft and extensive owners of woodlands, who now declare that there is to-day more and better standing timber in northern New England than ever before since lumbering was there begun. Many seem to fear that the forests are being robbed for the manufacture of wood pulp. Observation, however, will show that poplar trees of the best size for wood pulp can be grown in a very few years, six to ten, and I think it will not be long before the growing of such wood will become a regular and profitable business on our rocky mountain farms.

The growing of our native nut trees, chestnuts, butternuts, hickorynuts, and even beechnuts, will, I feel sure, soon become a profitable branch of farming. With proper treatment and care these nut trees can be grown in large quantities by grafting, in some or all of its methods. It has long been so in Europe. I am rather too far north or too elevated for the chestnut to succeed, but I have half a dozen fine young butternuts in bearing, from nuts planted about twenty years since, and have recently planted out about fifty more.

The management of our sugar maples, when tapped, is being very much bettered; small bits for boring, more shallow holes and careful after treatment being now the rule with nearly all our better class of farmers.

DISPELLING THE ILLUSION.

They were enthusiasts in physiognomy and phrenology, and were traveling by train. On the opposite seat was a man of commanding figure, massive brow and serious expression.

"What a fine countenance, Arthur! I wish I knew his occupation."

"Perhaps he is a lawyer, Edith."

"No, he's not a lawyer. There's too much benevolence in that face for a lawyer. He may be a banker."

"I am sure he is not. A man with such a heavenly expression couldn't content himself with money getting. His aim in life is higher."

"Well, do you think he can be an editor?"

"An editor with such a face! An editor, saying hard things about everybody, ridiculing women's dresses and abusing mothers-in-law! An editor, cutting and slashing his enemies, flaying public men indiscriminately, and mercilessly slaughtering his best friends for the sake of a paragraph! No, Edith, he's a philanthropist. His face plainly indicates that he is all that is good, noble, pure and true."

At the next station an inquisitive old fellow took a seat beside the man with the noble brow and asked him about his vocation. The couple opposite held their breath. The reply was this:

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

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"But your overcoat, dear?" Mrs Adams expostulated.

"Never mind that. I have worn my old one 10 years, and it will do for another season. And we must be thankful that all the children are well and we are out of debt. It has been a good year. But here they come."

Charlie lay awake for a long time that night. He had saved more than half enough money for his bicycle. Another year and he would be able to buy that and a nice overcoat for his father. But somehow he did not feel entirely satisfied when he went asleep.

They had breakfast at 7 o'clock, and a few mornings later when Mr. Adams rose from the table and went into the hall after his overcoat and hat, Charlie suddenly turned red and began to play with his knife and fork.

Presently there was an exclamation of surprise, then:—

"Wife, whose fine overcoat is this? I cannot find mine."

There was a sudden stampede to the hall; but no one seemed able to explain until Florence found a piece of paper with her father's name and address pinned to the back of the coat.

"My! my!" said Mr. Adams, wonderingly, as he put on the garment and buttoned it up around his neck. "Isn't this fine? I don't suppose any of you children know me now. But, really, it is the best overcoat I ever owned. Where could it have come from?"

"Perhaps Uncle Phineas brought it," suggested Florence; "It is your birthday, you know, papa." Then she caught sight of Charlie's tell-tale face, and pounced on him eagerly; and then there was an explosive explanation, accompanied by much wonder and incredulity and rapture, followed by a general hand-shaking and—need I say it?—a few happy tears.—*Frank H. Sweet, in Zion's Herald.*

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Hiram C. Wheeler, the farmer king of Iowa, has a machine that milks 75 cows a day with a perfection of action that would put a "pretty maid" to the blush. The inventor, says the *Chicago Times-Herald*, offered the machine some time ago to Mr. Wheeler, who liked it, tried it and found it a success.

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'George, have you and Jimmie been fighting again?" "Well, Jim hit me." "I didn't nuther. He hit me first." "No such a thing. He hit me before I hitted him." "He's telling you a big story mamma." "Didn't you hit me first?" "No, I didn't; you dodged."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

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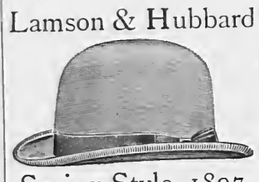

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Makes me shiver lone and cold,
Makes me feel—hope as I will—
There is something wanting still?

Answer! spirits gone before!
Is there hope for me no more?
Answer me, ye mighty dead!—
Why am I forever led,
Led as if by unseen hand
Only near the promised land;
Made to feel on Nebo's hill,
There is something wanting still?

Is it that a world unkind
Scorns all treasures of the mind?
Is it love—gift long-time lost
Makes me feel so keen the frost
Of my lonely winter day—
Tending still to make me gray?
Nothing seems the void to fill—
There is something wanting still.

Is it lack of joys that fleet,
Makes my life so incomplete?
Is it lack of woman's love—
Precious all things above?—
Woman's love not easily won
When we've faced the setting sun,
Makes me feel—go where I will,
There is something wanting still?

April 20, 1897. MOSES TEGGART.

A PINK SILK PARASOL.

"What are we going to do now?" queried Anne. "If pa had only stayed quietly at home," sighed Margaret.

"But he didn't," said Helen. "And the lecture tour ended in disaster; and he has returned with empty pockets, and a cold which threatens pneumonia!"

"Oh, dear! and we were so well off before little mother married again," Margaret murmured, dolefully.

"Treason!" cried Helen, stoutly; "not one word against Pa Pendergast—the dearest old visionary thing that ever lived!"

"He certainly tries to make a fortune for us," smiled Anne.

"And has only succeeded in reducing us to the verge of—beggary!" supplemented Margaret.

"The expressman is stopping at the gate," said Helen; "but of course it's a mistake—"

"Yes; nothing comes to us now—but trouble," ended Margaret.

But a moment later and Helen called back, ecstatically,—

"Oh, girls, it is for us, sure as you live!" Then, less joyfully,—

"But—there's seventy cents to pay!"

At last the necessary amount was made up, the expressman departed, and the girls and their mother, in a state of unusual excitement, gathered around the huge, irregular bundle which, by their united efforts, they had dragged into the middle of the sitting-room.

"Who could have sent it?" wondered Anne.

"What do you suppose it is?" questioned Helen.

"It's—old clothes," Margaret said, gloomily.

"Madge!" in a general chorus of dismay.

But even as Helen cut the strings the lop sided bundle burst asunder and shed its contents of crumbled ball gowns and all kinds of forlorn and draggled finery upon the floor.

Anne bit her lip, Margaret's eyes flamed wrathfully, and Helen laughed. But the mother's face worked piteously, and it was all that she could do to keep back the tears.

All her life till now Mrs. Pendergast has been used to comfort, and even luxury; and she had always shown much tact and delicacy in sending their own left-off but useful garments to those who were poorer than themselves. And it was a bitter humiliation to her now, when, for the first time, a mass of dingy and inappropriate finery had been literally dumped upon the doorstep, without any accompanying message from the rich city cousin from whom it undoubtedly had been sent.

"There isn't a practical thing among them!" laughed Helen, who was adorning herself with whatever came first to hand. And even Margaret could not help smiling at the comical picture her pretty young sister made with a crushed French bonnet perched coquettishly on her fair curls, a faded and altogether too ample olive redingote enveloping her pretty form, and above her head the bony skeleton of a once splendid parasol—its melancholy ribs uplifted now, as if imploring pity.

Anne laughed hysterically; but just then pa's querulous voice was heard in the room above, and the mother was glad of an excuse to hasten away.

Night came. The debris had disappeared, and the letter of thanks to Cousin Francis, which Helen had volunteered to write was finished.

"Listen, girls, while I read it," she said; "but don't interrupt. If you think of anything more to say just wait and I'll add it on at the end.

"My generous and rich relative," she began, and regardless of the rising murmur of dismay, she went on, "it was so thoughtful of you to send us such a lot of old clothes (which we can't possibly make use of), and not to prepay the express (which is uncommonly high in this part of the world) We now understand why it is 'more blessed to give than to receive!' But, unfortunately, we don't know anyone who would take such stuff as a gift—unless it's the ragman—"

"Helen!"

"You shan't send such a letter!" and Margaret snatched the perfectly-proper little note she had written from Helen's hand, while the young girl laughed merrily over the success of her impromptu nonsense She loved to tease her sober elder sisters, and with her happy disposition she found a way of getting fun out of everything.

But anxious and busy days came after this. Pa Pendergast was seriously ill for a time, and before he was really able to be around again he was planning another of those disastrous lecture tours, with which he was always trying to retrieve their fallen fortunes. At last, however, they had managed to persuade him to put it off until the fall.

There was no family in all the village who had once stood so high, or were more respected in those days of their misfortunes. Pa's failings and good qualities were alike freely discussed and his wife commiserated for having allowed her visionary spouse the control of her comfortable little fortune, which, under his childlike incapacity for business, had disappeared in an incredibly short number of years.

Anne and Margaret were now the main support of the family, one teaching music and the other having a good position in the village school.

The "little mother" and Helen were the "household angels," and it was no light task to keep things nice and comfortable with their extremely limited purse, and to prevent pa from seeing too plainly the ruin he had wrought.

The neighbors were very kind, and often some little delicacy found its way to their scanty table—given with so much friendly good-will that sensitive little Mrs. Pendergast was no more hurt by the attention than the neighbors were when Helen brought them bunches of Mayflowers from the woods in spring.

But of late Helen's fingers had been busier than ever. Upon careful re-examination the "bundle" had showed possibilities which had not been apparent at the first. And the old party dresses dyed—for Helen had mastered the dye-pot's mysteries long ago—were now transformed into four silk petticoats, which would "rustle delightfully" under their woolen gowns.

"Just the last thing in the world any of us really wanted," Helen admitted; "but the silk wasn't lit for another thing, and as it didn't cost us anything I guess we can afford to be swell for once."

Then in some magical way her deft fingers had fashioned for herself as dainty a gown from the voluminous old gray opera cloak and the best of the well worn red-ingote as ever a pretty maiden wore to church on a bright Sunday in spring.

The battered Paris bonnet bloomed anew with apple-blossoms, freshened over the kettle's reviving steam. But the crowning feature of the costume was a beautiful pink silk parasol, which Cousin Frances would certainly never have recognized as the "skeleton" of her famous bundle, newly clad in the pink lining of the opera cloak, and adorned with the freshest flounces of the chiffon gown.

"Girls, how do I look?" was Helen's anxious question, as, arrayed for the first time in all her glory, she was about to start with them to church.

"Just too sweet and lovely!" Margaret said with enthusiasm; and the mother, who thought the girls were always perfect, echoed Margaret's words.

But Anne was troubled. Such finery seemed hardly in accord with their straitened circumstances, or with the almost Quakerish simplicity of the quiet town; but Helen was so happy that she could not bring herself to speak her doubts, which, after all, might prove without foundation.

She was keenly alive, however, to the sensation which Helen's appearance caused, and which, all during the service, divided the attention of the congregation with the good minister's words. And after the service Anne's straining ears caught more than one fragment of unfriendly criticism, which seemed floating in the air.

"It does beat all," old Mrs. Sharp whispered to her neighbor, "how folks behindhand in their rent can buy such finery!"

"P'raps Pa Pendergrast has somehow made his everlastin' fortune," was the audible answer.

"Did you see how Chan Bassett kept lookin' at her? He can't afford to dress a wife like that. I heard Mis' Bassett tell him so durin' the collection."

"Just see that pink parasol! Why, Mandy couldn't get one, plain dark blue, for less'n five dollars! An' silk petticoats, too, I know by the rustlin'. They're up an' down extravagant, or else they ain't so poor as they've been makin' out."

"An' the neighbors sendin' 'em in pies an' cakes at every bakin."

Helen's cheeks were like roses as they went on their homeward way, and Anne wondered if she, too, had overheard the gossips' whisperings, or whether the deeper flush was only the reflection from the pink silk parasol, which she held so bravely overhead. Margaret was less observing and was evidently quite unconscious of any unusual stir going on around them.

It was the first Sunday in many months that Chauncey Bassett had not walked with Helen. He had been with his mother on the church steps when they came out, but he had only bowed and looked away. It was certainly strange, thought Helen, but if he don't want to come, he needn't. And no one, not even Anne, should know she cared.

The weeks rolled around and summer followed spring. Every Sunday Helen went to church in her brave attire, and walked home afterward with Anne and Margaret; and Chauncey never came.

She never mentioned him; but Anne watching her darling with jealous eyes, saw how her cheeks grew paler and how listless she seemed to be as the summer days went on.

One night, as Anne lay pondering upon these things, with Margaret asleep beside her, she heard a stifled sob from the cot where Helen lay. That was all; but it was not long before Anne had determined what to do. And the next day, on her way home from the village, she stopped at Mrs. Basset's for the first time since that spring Sunday when Chauncey had lingered at his mother's side.

"It's been ever so long since I've had a chance to run in," said Anne. "But I've been busy teaching. It was fortunate for us that the Brentons wished their children to make up all they lost when they had the whooping cough last spring. If it wasn't for that and for two of Margaret's music pupils who have kept right on, I don't know what we would have done!"

It was not like Anne to speak so freely of their difficulties; but Mrs. Bassett showed no signs of unbending yet.

"You know how it is," Anne continued with heightened color. "Pa tries to do all he can, but he's so—unlucky."

"And the last lecture tour wasn't a success?" queried Mrs. Bassett, slipping into Anne's skillfully opened net. "Everyone thought he must 'a' been makin' money, the way Helen came out in the spring."

"And didn't she look sweet?" cried Anne. "But people shouldn't judge by appearances! I'm going to tell you, though I shouldn't like to get it around. A cousin of mother's in the city sent us some old clothes. And Helen is just the most ingenious girl you ever knew. The things weren't fit for us, and I thought they'd be of no use; but Helen turned, dyed, and made the old party silks into the prettiest petticoats you ever saw—one for each of us! Then the poor child needed a new dress; she had nothing fit for church, and we couldn't afford to buy anything; but she went to work and somehow made that pretty gray and olive gown out of just nothing; And her bonnet! You ought to have seen it when it came! And all of it never cost us a single penny!"

"You don't say!" cried Mrs. Bassett, in surprise. "But—the pink sunshade? Mandy Ward priced one in the city an' they asked—sixteen dollars."

"She made that, too!" cried Anne. "Oh, you don't know how clever she is! You won't let this go any further, though?" anxiously. I wouldn't like everyone to know, because—it was the first time we'd ever had old clothes sent us—and poor mother cried."

"I won't tell a livin' soul but Chan—I must tell him. He'll be home to-night, you know, over Sunday. An'—an' I'm coming to see your ma right soon."

Anne went her way with a lighter heart. She had not gone far before Chauncey Bassett himself came into view. Much to her surprise he stopped.

"It's ever so long since I've seen you," he began awkwardly.

"Why didn't you call?" she asked in her cheery way, noting curiously his wan, troubled face.

"I'll tell you why," he said suddenly. "It's because I can't think of anyone or anything but—Helen! I never realized until one Sunday morning in the spring" (Anne sighed) "how far above the farmer's son—the poor bookkeeper—she was. Then I saw that the best I could ever hope to give her would not be worthy of her—not even as much as she is having now (Anne smiled) "and I knew it would be better for me to—to forget her—before she even dreamed I had begun to care. I thought I could turn aside my thoughts, but I can't. And though it is madness to think she could ever care for me, yet I must see her and tell her; and unless you tell me not to, I'm coming this very night."

"Come, then," said Anne, with a reassuring smile.

Supper was over and the girls were putting the things away. As Margaret disappeared in the china closet with a pile of plates, Anne said carelessly,—

"Oh, I met Chauncey Bassett as I was coming home, and he said he was coming around to-night."

"Anne! You—you didn't say—anything, did you?"

"You dear little goose! Not a word that the town crier couldn't proclaim with propriety. I thought he was looking thin and worried, poor fellow. I'll wipe the teacups, for you had better light the lamp in the parlor and put on your gray gown directly."

"If he had waited till he had seen his mother, I'd have hated him, almost," thought Anne, an hour later, when above the murmur of voices in the parlor she heard Helen's laugh ring gayly out.

And the next day being Sunday, the gossips had something to talk about, for Mrs. Bassett actually kissed Helen in the church porch. And Chauncey walked home with her as he used to do; but though his face was radiant, no one saw her smiles and blushes, for carefully, almost reverently, Chauncey shielded her lovely face with the pink parasol.

ON A MODERN CATTLE-SHIP TO LONDON'S GREAT CATTLE-MARKET.

The state rooms on these big boats are amidship, and have ample accommodations for sixty passengers. From the commencement the experience was delightful. It was almost impossible to believe, as far as the motion of the vessel was concerned, that we were on the ocean. For instance, the rims on the tables to catch overflowing coffee or to stop the antics of fruits or foods were missing. There was no need for them. The explanation of the remarkable steadiness was in the fact that the ship had bilge-keels—two extra keels, like fins, running along the sides, and preventing that rolling which is the despair of weak stomachs. This improvement represents the latest development in steady transportation for animals; and if the eight hundred quadrupeds we had on board appreciated it as much as the sixty bipeds who gloried in the smoothness and the comfort of it all, they lived eleven of the happiest days of their lives. Other ships, still larger than this, are now building.

The trip to London takes eleven days, and on the fifth day out I accepted the captain's invitation to accompany him on his morning inspection; "although, for that matter," he added, "you many visit any part of the ship at any time you choose." Directly after breakfast we began the journey. There were nearly 600 cattle and 200 horses distributed on the three decks, and up and down the aisles between their protruding heads we walked. It was a bit doubtful at first, but the captain seemed to be on friendly terms with his cargo, and there was not the slightest danger. "How are you, old boy?" was his greeting, as he felt the ears of the animals to see if any of them had fever. When the captain was asked why he used the masculine exclusively, he explained that the cattle taken to England's markets are bullocks; and it became clear why the officers at the table had smiled when the ladies gravely discussed the advantage of going over on a cattle-ship, because there was always a certainty of fresh milk.—*Harper's Weekly.*

A TELEPATHIC EXPERIMENT.

A very interesting experiment in the fascinating science of telepathy, vouched for as being sure to "come out right" by such high authority as Hudson, author of "The Law of Psychic Phenomena" and other works of the same order, may be tried at any time by our readers.

One of these very next evenings, when the family are comfortably settled after dinner or supper, the experimenter should introduce the subject of mind reading or telepathy, which will usually create an interest in the most inveterate reader of the evening paper or the later novel devourer, curled up in her favorite corner. Now will be the opportunity to become a hero even in one's own household, for we are told that, like a good recipe for cake or what not, if directions given below are strictly followed success is sure.

Let a circle be formed by a few persons joining hands, and one member of the circle be securely blindfolded, that is in such a way that he will enter into a darkness so dense that it may "be felt." To secure this desired trick darkness, fold a pair of kid gloves into several thicknesses and place like a pad one over each eye, with an ample handkerchief bound tightly over all and around the head. Now let a card be selected at random from a pack, take great care that no one sees any other card of the pack, even for an instinct, then place where all can see it except of course the blind man. The rest of the circle must now fix their minds and gaze upon the card with every bit of earnestness they have in their nature. In the meantime the blind man must put himself into a quiet, passive "Barkis is willin'" state of mind. He will soon begin to see (scientific authority for this, remember,) indistinct objects floating in the darkness. Soon they will begin to take shadowy shape, then disappear, take more definite form, and finally the card selected will appear.

Mr. Hudson declares that out of the six in the company when he witnessed this experiment each scored a sufficient number of successes to remove the result from the domain of coincidence. It is well to bear in mind that sometimes the information is conveyed from one mind to another allegorically; for instance, during the evening mentioned the ten of diamonds appeared as ten flashing diamonds.

Surely this is well worth a trial.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

VICTIMIZED.—"If I live long enough," he said, moodily, "I hope I'll get over being a natural mark for any hunco steerer that happens to be loose." "What's the matter?" "I concluded I'd have to economize, so I sent fifty cents to a man who said that was all he'd charge to tell me how to make a little money go a long ways." "And what did he tell you?" "He simply wrote, 'Send five cents by express to San Francisco.'"—*Washington Star.*

The director of one of our Chicago banks tells about how his wife overdrew her account at the bank. "I spoke to her about it one evening," says he, "and told her she ought to adjust it at once. A day or two afterward I asked her if she had done what I suggested. 'Oh yes,' she answered. 'I attended to that matter the very next morning after you spoke to me first of it. I sent the bank my check for the amount I had overdrawn!'"—*Chicago Record.*

Telling Stories.

My little one climbs on my knee to say,
In the coaxingest, cunningest kind of a way,
"P'ease tell me a 'tory, dest one!" and this
He says with a hug and a long, long kiss
That he gives as a story-teller's fee,
So what can I do but grant his plea?
"Shall I tell the story of Little Boy Blue?"
"No, no, dear mamma, dest somethin' new!"
This bars the way, then, for Little Bo Peep
And the boy in the haystack fast asleep;
The pigs that went to the market, too,
"What kind of a story shall I tell you?"
"Oh, somethin' pitty." And I begin,
With a kiss for the dimpled cheek and chin,
And what I tell him I scarcely know,
Since the thread of my story tangles so
That I "lose the run of it," half-way through,
But that doesn't matter "it's somethin' new."
The story ended. There's a pause, and then
"P'ease mamma," pleadingly, "tell it again."
And I tell it over, and when it's done
There's a quick demand for another one.
And the queerest stories that I invent
Are those with which he is best content.
All at once the lids of my little one's eyes
Waver, and droop, and in vain he 'ries
To lift them, and keep them from closing quite.
A moment more and they shut the light
Away from the eyes that with dreams are deep,
And my lover of stories is fast asleep.

—*Eben E. Rexford, in the Georgetown Herald.*

AN ARTISTIC SHOPPER

Careless students of commercial transactions are rashly apt to infer that all the business talent lies on one side,—that of the salesman,—but the initiated know that a very deep game is often played by the purchaser. In a furniture store two young women were inspecting dressing-tables.

"Oh, there it is!" exclaimed the brunette, with enthusiasm, hastening towards a pretty little oak table standing near.

"'Sh!" said the blonde. "You haven't any sense at all. Have you any dressing-tables in oak?" she asked of the approaching salesman.

"We have only this oak table left," he politely answered.

"It is awful low," she commented, "and I don't like the color of the wood."

The brunette girl looked troubled

"Open the drawer," dictated the blonde.

"Oh, that's a dreadfully small drawer; it won't hold anything. What's the price of this tabl ?"

"Ten dollars," the salesman answered.

"Ten dollars! Dear me! Why, Isabel, we saw prettier ones than this for eight. It hasn't a very good polish, either. Haven't you any others at all? This is so low; and that drawer is so small."

The brunette looked more troubled.

"This is the last one we have in oak," the man said again.

"Haven't you any with differently shaped legs?" she asked.

"This is the only one. As it is the last one, I'll see if I can let you have it at eight dollars."

The salesman walked off and the blonde turned to the brunette and said, "Goosey cheer up. Isn't it a beauty? Just look at those lovely legs—and only eight dollars. You're a lucky girl."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

BODY, SOUL AND ALL.

A hashful young man was invited to a dinner party, and was paired with the most handsomely dressed lady in the room.

His seat at the table happened to be in front of a roast fowl, which he was expected to carve, and a fried sole.

The poor man had never done such a thing before in his life, but wisbing to make the best of the situation he commenced by asking the lady very politely if she preferred anything in particular.

She replied that she would take a little of the sole.

He had no idea where the soul lay, so began to cut off a slice of the breast.

"The sole," she said.

Then he tried the wing.

"The sole," she repeated.

This time he tried the leg.

"The sole," the lady said, in a still higher key.

He, moist with perspiration, lost all patience, stuck the fork into the body of the fowl, saying:

"Take it, body, soul and all," putting it on the lady's plate, from which it rolled into her lap, much to the consternation of the whole company.

That young man was never invited to a dinner party again.—*Spare Moments.*

A GRATEFUL TENANT.

Mr. Ford has some houses in Brooklyn, one of which he rented to Mr. Stone, a mason. For three months Mr. Ford failed to collect the rent, and at last resolved to send Mr. Stone adrift.

"But if I am put out, Mr. Ford," said Stone, "I can't move my duds. I have no money."

Mr. Ford, being tender-hearted, gave him two dollars, and Stone moved out. Shortly afterward Mr. Ford appointed an agent to attend to his rents. Everything went right until one day Mr. Ford found that the rent of a certain house remained unpaid.

"The tenant's all right, sir," said the agent. "He's a good man of the name of Stone, a mason, and he'll pay in a day or two."

The owner called upon the backward tenant, and found that he was the same Stone whom he had evicted some months before.

"How is it you're back here again?" said Mr. Ford.

"Really," said Stone, "I couldn't think of patronizing another landlord, Mr. Ford. You had been kind to me and I felt grateful."—*Harper's Round Table*

A PAIR OF SHOES CAN BE MADE IN TWENTY MINUTES.—One of the big Lynn shoe shops made a pair of ladies' boots for the Paris Exhibition of 1889 in twenty-four minutes. A notary public followed the operation, watch in hand. For this feat the pair of shoes went through the usual routine of the shop, but at exceptional speed; fifty-seven different operators and forty-two machines were concerned in the work, which required twenty-six pieces of leather, fourteen pieces of cloth, twenty-four buttons, twenty-four button-holes, eighty tacks, twenty nails, two box-toes, two steel shanks, and twenty yards of thread. Since that time the division of labor upon a pair of shoes has become still greater, and there is a larger number of machines employed, with the result that a pair of ladies' boots can now be made complete in this factory inside of twenty minutes.—*March Scribner's.*

HARVARD STUDENTS.—It is well known that some of Harvard's students are great rogues One could not expect among 3000 young men that all should be staid and sober.

The bright little paper *Our Dumb Animals* in quoting some of their pranks prints the following:—

The complaint made by Harvard students of the action of the Boston Police on the night before election, reminds us of the old couplet:—

"No rogue e'er felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law."

And this again reminds us of the Scotch Professor, who wrote on his door that Prof — would at certain hours meet his *classes.* Some students erased the *c* making it *lasses;* shortly after, the Professor erased the *l* making the notice read *asses.*

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FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 30, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Canned corn, 7c a can, four cans for a quarter, Maine packing, at Taylor's.

Call at Thompson's market and get a 25-lb. keg of tripe for 80c.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Couant.

Amherst creamery butter, 21c a lb.; 25 lbs. tripe, 80c; 10 lbs. nice lard, 60c, at Truesdell & Brown's.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

DEATH OF W. W. CROSS.

A Former Prosperous Palmer Merchant Dies Suddenly in Brockton.

William W. Cross, for many years a prominant merchant of Palmer, died at his home in Brockton Sunday of heart failure, aged 63 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Mr. Cross was born in Brockton,—formerly North Bridgewater,—and his early years were spent in his native town. He began his mercantile career at the age of 12 years, when he was apprenticed to L. F. Brett of Wareham, one of the ablest dry goods merchants of his day. When he attained his majority, desiring to engage in business for himself, he came to Palmer and established a store in Commercial block, later removing to Strong's—now Cross—block, where he remained until his removal to Wareham in 1859. Palmer still having a strong hold upon his affections, he again returned to this town and conducted a most flourishing business until March 23, 1879, when he returned to his native town of North Bridgewater, where he has since resided. Soon after his return he purchased a tack factory, and with characteristic energy built up a flourishing business, which he conducted until his death.

With a love for the place of his birth he made the welfare of the town his own, and was for many years elected to the board of selectmen, besides holding other offices of trust and responsibility. He was one of the incorporators of the Brockton National Bank, and at the first meeting of the directors was elected vice president, which office he continued to hold by successive elections. He was one of the originators and for many years treasurer of the Brockton Street Railway. While in Palmer Mr. Cross was several times elected to the office of selectman, and during the war was sent by the town on an important mission to Washington.

Mr. Cross was made a Mason in Thomas lodge, Palmer, in 1862, and at the time of his death was a member of Paul Revere lodge, F. and A. M., Satucket R. A. C., Brockton Council and Bay State Commandery, all of Brockton. He leaves a widow and one son, William B. Cross, who was associated with him in his various business enterprises.

Funeral services were held from his late residence Wednesday at 2 p. m., the eulogy being delivered by Rev. F. A. Warfield of Omaha, Neb., the pastor and warm personal friend of the deceased. A profusion of floral tokens testified to the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. Honest as a man, public spirited as a citizen, faithful as a friend, many enterprises stand as monuments to his busy and useful life.

AFTER FIFTY LONG YEARS.

Two Churches Celebrate Their Separation 50 Years Ago by Coming Together Again.

On the 25th of April, 1847, the First and Second Congregational Societies of Palmer held their last service in the old meeting house at Palmer Center before separating for their new homes, the mother church going to Thorndike and the new society to Palmer. At this time, after holding their usual morning service, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in the afternoon.

Again the 25th of April has fallen on Sunday, and an anniversary service was held in the Thorndike church at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Members of the Second church responded to the invitation to be present at this service, and again after a lapse of fifty years the two churches broke bread together. After the singing of an anthem by the choir, the friends were welcomed by the pastor, Rev. G. M. Gerrish. A letter from Rev. Moses K. Cross of Waterloo, Ia., the pastor of the church at the time of the separation, was read by Capt. H. E. W. Clark, deacon of the First church. In the absence of Rev. F. E. Jenkins, Dea. Breckenridge of the Second church responded, giving personal recollections of the old meetinghouse. The sacrament was then administered by the pastor, assisted by Deacons Clark and Hastings of the First, and Breckenridge and Shaw of the Second church. Dea. Bennett of the Second church offered prayer in closing.

Three members of the original churches are now living, and at least one member from each of churches who was present at the last service in the old meetinghouse, was present at the service last Sunday, Miss Jane Walker of Thorndike and Mrs. Eliza Breckenridge of Palmer.

Electric Railway Bill Reported in the House.

In the House last Friday the committee on street railways reported a bill, referred to them by petition of Representative T. W. Kendrick, incorporating Charles H. Hobbs, Elbridge Hastings, Elmer G. Childs, H. E. W. Clark, David L. Bodfish, George H. Wilkins, Rufus Flynt, George E Buck, Charles E. Fish, Charles F Grosvenor, Michael Moore, George C. Flynt, their associates and successors, as the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company. The company is granted all the powers and privileges, and subject to all conditions and restrictions set forth in general laws relating to railway companies. It may locate its railway upon private land, streets, highways or state roads in Monson or Palmer, subject to the approval of the selectmen of the respective towns and the Massachusetts highway commissioners as to any part of the railway to be constructed upon state highway. The capital stock shall not exceed $60,000, and in order to meet expenses the company may issue bonds payable within a period not exceeding 30 years.

T. J. Moran Appointed Deputy Sheriff.

Thomas J Moran of Thorndike has been appointed a deputy sheriff, but his work will be confined to matters concerning the Springfield Brewing Company. That concern finds that its customers have a habit, some of them, of concealing beer barrels and bottles after they are emptied, and disclaiming all knowledge of them when an employe of the company attempts to locate the property. The barrels cost about $2 each, and the bottles are also expensive. There is a statute prohibiting the use of these articles by others than the owners when they are marked with the owner's name. A person desiring to retain bottles or barrels would naturally refuse an ordinary employe of the brewing company admission to search the premises, so the concern had Mr. Moran, who has been with them for some time, appointed a deputy sheriff with power to look up their property, and his commission is so made out, his powers being limited to work in this line.

H. C. Strong Orders the W. C. T. U. Drinking Fountain Removed.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. have been ordered to move forthwith the drinking fountain which they have maintained on the corner of Main and Walnut streets, a notice to that effect having been served on the president, Mrs. C. E. Dewey, by H. C. Strong, the owner of the abutting property. The ladies notified the selectmen of the order, and were informed that the question of its moving or remaining lay with the selectmen, and that they should not order it removed. Mr. Strong, it is understood, says he will fight the matter, as he is determined the fountain shall be moved. There is a statute which gives the selectmen the right to establish a drinking fountain or watering tub in the limits of the highway, and under this it would seem that they have the control of the matter.

Ellis Dodge is painting his house on Park street.

Communion will be observed at the churches next Sunday.

Miss Mabel Tucker goes to Fitchburg tomorrow to visit relatives.

O. D. Wells has bought of C. H. Keith two head of his blooded stock.

J. F. Holbrook & Son, coal dealers, are out with a new delivery wagon.

John Daggett, employed in the depot resturant, is visiting in Vermont.

A. H. Willis, a former resident and business man, was in town this week.

George Warner is improving his residence on Park street with a coat of paint.

Dr. J. P. Schneider has purchased George M. Atkins's driving horse, "Victor."

Louis Dickinson and family are enjoying a visit with friends in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Amelia Ellis of Stafford Springs was the guest of the Misses Todd Sunday.

Miss Mabel Lyman has returned from a visit with her grandmother in Holland.

Mrs. E. H. Hitchcock of Warren has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Purlin Shearer.

Miss Martha Irwin of Gilbertville was the guest of Miss Nellie McMahon Sunday.

Albert Ferry is building an addition and bay window to his residence on School street

Miss Ruth Marshall of Wesleyan Academy was the guest of Miss Clara Smith Sunday.

Byram Woodhead spent Sunday with his family in Fitchburg, where they are visiting relatives.

Mr. Dodge and family have returned from Lenox, where they have been living for a short time.

Henry W. Holbrook is holding the reins over a new stepper, purchased from New York parties.

Mrs. Cornelius Wilson of Hartford is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Strong.

J. F. Foley has a new horse on his delivery wagon, purchased of John F. Twiss of Three Rivers.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson of Ware is visiting at the home of Judge George Robinson on Pleasant street.

At the Baptist church next Sunday Rev. C. R. Minard will take for his subject, "The Tempted Christ."

Mrs. Elizabeth Stedman of Hartford, Ct., is a guest at the home of A. B. Cowan, on Thorndike street.

J. B. Woodard has been confined to the house the past month with rheumatism, and at present is no better.

Washington Council, Royal and Select Masters, held a meeting Monday evening and conferred two degrees.

Several from this village attended the orange tea given in the Methodist church at Bondsville Wednesday evening.

The selectmen have drawn H. M. Kendall as grand juror, and James Henighan and Truman Griswold as petit jurors.

Mrs. William Gates and Mrs. Shearer of Cambridgeport are guests at the home of Lawyer A. E. Fitch on Central street.

The body of Dennis Leary of Monson was brought here Monday for burial, interment being made in the cemetery at Thorndike.

Miss Nettie Coleman has returned from a visit with friends in New London, Ct., and has resumed her duties in Bodfish's store.

Miss Sweetser gave an interesting and helpful talk on "Work among the Italians" in the Congregational church Sunday evening.

The Baptist Sunday school gave its Easter concert Sunday evening. An attractive programme was rendered, and the exercises were well attended.

Misses Carrie Fish and Blanche Hellyar assisted in the entertainment given in connection with the orange tea at Bondsville Wednesday evening.

At the session of the probate court in Springfield Saturday Charles H. Burns was appointed guardian over Michael McNamara, minor, of Palmer.

Charles H. Keith and Thomas Longtine are serving on the second jury of the supreme judicial court now convened in Springfield. Mr. Keith is foreman.

Lawyer W. W. Leach and Supt. of schools W. H. Small attended the annual Grant dinner of the Middlesex Club at Hotel Brunswick, Boston, Monday evening.

The high school ball team crossed bats with the Ware high school team in the latter place this afternoon. Kennedy and Shaw were in the points for the local team.

The residence of A. T. Wing has been connected with the telephone exchange; the number is 31-2. A telephone has also been put in the Weeks House; number 16-4

Landlord E. R. Pierce of the Converse House, who has been temporarily managing Hotel Russell in Springfield, will return to Palmer permanently the first of next month.

Thomas lodge of Masons attended by invitation, a special meeting of Hampden lodge of Springfield Tuesday. A special train was run to accommodate those attending.

Rev. O. G. Petrie, Mrs. William Merriam and Mrs W. A. Barnes attended the convention in behalf of Christian unity in Springfield Tuesday as delegates from St. Paul's church.

Henry Fisher, who was injured some time ago in the freight yard of the New London Northern railroad, returned to work yesterday morning, going out on the construction train.

The matter of a union Sunday school concert in the opera house on the evening of Children's Sunday, by the Baptist, Congregational and Universalist Sunday schools, is being considered.

L L Merrick Post, G. A. R, has received an invitation to attend a memorial service in the Methodist church at Bondsville on Sunday evening, May 30th, which will probably be accepted.

W. A. Fitzpatrick has bought the house of S. W. Shumway on Pleasant street. Mr. Shumway is to move to Northampton, having disposed of his household goods at auction yesterday afternoon.

Although to-morrow is the first of May, the day will be a dry one for users of the ardent, for the selectmen in granting licenses imposed a condition that they should not take effect until Monday.

George H. McGrath, for several years driver of the delivery team of the American Express Company, has resigned his position and left yesterday to assume charge of the express office at Leominster.

George Folsom, foreman of the carpenters at the Epileptic Hospital, who has been residing in the house on Pleasant street formerly owned by F. J. Wassum, has moved his family to Leominster.

F. A. Paro, an employe in the yard of the New London Northern road for a couple of years, has accepted a position with the Flynt Building and Construction Co. at Cordova, Ala., and has gone there.

Rev. F. E. Jenkins will deliver an address in Wilbraham next Tuesday evening at the exercises in celebration of the seventh anniversary of the organization of the Christian Endeavor society of that town.

Rev. H. L. Wriston, pastor of the Prospect street M. E. church, Gloucester, occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services in the Congregational church Sunday in exchange with Rev. F. E. Jenkins.

Arthur F. Warren of Milford, N. H , has many friends in town who will be pleased to learn that on Monday last he was graduated with high honors from the New York Homeopathic College, New York city.

H. W. Holbrook attended the semi-centennial of the Grand Chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity of Tufts College in New York last Friday and Saturday. He also stayed over to the Grant memorial exercises on Tuesday.

Charles D. Foster, living on the Thorndike road, sustained a shock Tuesday evening and it was thought he could not recover. Mr. Foster has been in feeble health for some time, and is liable to pass away at any moment.

Charles Thomas, assistant baggage master at the union station, has resigned his position. W. H. Higgins, janitor and daywatchman at the station, has also tendered his resignation, to accept a position with the American Express Company.

Miss Lula A. Dillon has returned from Bridgewater Normal School, having recovered from an attack of scarlet fever which has confined her to the school hospital for the past five weeks. She will return to her school duties after a short vacation.

The cold weather of the past few days has greatly interfered with the enjoyment of the trout fishermen, it being so cold as one angler remarked "to freeze the worm on the hook." But a few more warm days will again allow them to enjoy their favorite sport.

The baseball team of the Eagle Athletic Club defeated the "Bull Dogs" in an exciting game Saturday morning by the score of 18 to 12 The defeated team played with the dogged determination and grit characteristic of their name, but the Eagles soared over their heads to victory.

Margaret W. Pierce of Brimfield was before the court Wednesday morning to be examined as to her sanity. After an examination by Drs. Sawin of Brimfield and Copp of Palmer, Judge Robinson adjudged her insane and she was committed to the asylum at Northampton.

The Hi Henry, Jr., minstrels of Monson have decided to accept the proposition of the Palmer firemen, and will give their minstrel show in the opera house May 11th. This show was presented in Monson recently and was a flattering success, and will no doubt be well received here.

It has been reported that the bicycle store of E. D. Tufts was simply a branch of that of E. A. Buck & Co., and that no matter in which place sales were made Buck & Co. were virtually the sellers, but this both firms emphatically deny. Neither has the slightest connection with the other.

The Young People's Union of the Universalist church will hold a business meeting in the church vestry this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The sermon at St. Paul's church to-morrow morning will be on "Christian Coöperation." In the evening the meeting will relate to the children of the church. All are invited.

Selectman Brainerd has a force of men at work repairing the bridge over the Ware river near the No. 1 mill in Thorndike. The bridge, which is sadly in need of repairs, will be closed for about two weeks, and during that time all travel across the river will have to be by way of the bridge near the lower mill.

The horse driven by Daniel Collity on the mail wagon indulged in a lively run yesterday afternoon. It had just been unhitched at the Weeks House stable when it started at a lively clip up over the bridge and down Main street until it was caught by Eugene Callahan near the watering trough. No damage was done.

The Daughters of Rebekah gave a social and dance in the opera house Monday evening in celebration of the anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship. A large number were in attendance and the affair was one of the most pleasant social events of the season. Music for dancing was furnished by the Palmer orchestra.

The annual May breakfast and dinner will be served by the ladies of the Congregational church in the church parlors tomorrow. Breakfast will be served from 6 30 until 9 a. m., and dinner from 12 till 2 p. m. The usual good fare will be served, and all are invited. The Lend-a-hand club will also have a sale of useful and fancy articles.

Additional water pipes are to be laid in the cemetery for the convenience of those who wish water there for various purposes. A pipe will be laid from the present faucet to the north end of the lot, where branch pipes will run each way at right angles, with faucets at the end to which hose can be attached. The work will be paid for by private subscriptions.

Wellington Bennett, 47, died at the home of his parents in Blanchardville Saturday. Mr. Bennett was for many years a resident of Springfield, having worked in the employ of Smith & Wesson. Recently he had been living in Worcester and came here ill about two weeks ago. The funeral was held from the home of his parents Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. R. Minard officiating.

George Easton, who was with W. H. Hitchcock a couple of years ago, has been reëngaged and will begin work next Monday, moving his family here as soon as a suitable tenement can be found. Mr. Easton is a graduate of a trade school, a thoroughly practical man in all departments of plumbing and piping, and has done good work in many places in town.

A large circus billboard has been erected against the old McGilvray block on South Main street, which, while possibly adding nothing, does not detract anything from the beauty of the block. Another billboard has been erected on the vacant lot near the opera house on Central street, and another on Thorndike street, for Washburn's circus, which will be here May 13th.

Leon W. Washburne's great allied show, big three ring circus, museum, menagerie and hippodrome is to exhibit here Thursday, May 13. It has a large corps of riders, leapers, jugglers and acrobats, together with trained beasts, well selected menageries and some of the most exciting hippodrome acts. It is said to be a most excellent show, and leading papers are loud in the praises of it.

What a change in the weather was dealt out by the clerk in charge of that department Tuesday! It was raw and blustery, and overcoats gave place to absence of wraps on the preceding day. At several times considerable quantities of snow were in the air, an unusual occurrence for this time of year, and the day was one of the most disagreeable and chilly of any for some weeks.

At the Congregational church next Sunday evening a special service will be given under the care of the Men's Sunday Evening Club, entitled "An Evening with Abraham," with the following programme:

Scripture reading, Heb. xi:1-19,	Dea. J. B. Shaw
Prayer,	L. H. Gager
Abraham in Urr and Haran,	J. C. Wing
The Call and Journeys,	Dea. W. A. Breckenridge
Abraham the Prince,	Dr. G. H. Wilkins
Sacrifice of Abraham—Poem read by	J. H. Shaw
The Friend of God,	Rev. F. E. Jenkins

That popular summer resort, Forest Lake, will be opened to the public May 15, and preparations are now being made at the Lake for the accommodation of guests. During recent years the Lake has gained the favor of the young people of the surrounding villages as an ideal place in which to camp and spend an outing of several weeks during the hot summer months. An unusually large number were at the lake last year, and as the good times enjoyed by them have by no means been forgotten, the lake will probably have a good run this year.

Merrick Clark, with no legally established residence, came to town Tuesday evening from Montague, where he had drank some intoxicating beverage which took effect in his feet and made him wholly unable to walk in the straight and narrow way of the sidewalk. About nine o'clock, while turning the corner of Commercial and Main streets, he fell through the window of E. D. Tufts's bicycle store, breaking a large plate of glass. Soon after he was arrested by Officers Eastman and Studley. In court Wednesday morning he was fined a V, which he paid.

A bicycle run will be made to Monson and return next Tuesday evening, the start being made at 7 o'clock from in front of the post office. As an attraction to increase the number of participants and an incentive to a little excitement, W. R. Milligan offers a cyclometer to the gentleman rider who first reaches the crosswalk in front of his Main street shoe store on the return trip. A. E. Fitch has offered a booby prize to the rider coming in last. All riders, both lady and gentleman, are invited to participate in the run, the particulars of which appeared in last week's issue of the JOURNAL.

While the sprinkling cart is still laying the dust on the principal streets, the question of its permanency is still unsettled, as the proprietor, Mr. Williams, has not yet secured pledges sufficient to pay him for the seven months' work. It has been claimed in past years that if the work was commenced the first of April, or as soon as it was needed, there would be no lack of pledges, but the experience so far does not bear out this claim. Something less than $400 has been subscribed so far, while of this $75 must be paid for water; $500 is needed to make even a fair remuneration for the owner of the cart.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Whiting of East Charlmont, who preached the sermon at the installation of Rev. Thomas Wilson, the first pastor of the Congregational church, fifty years ago, and who was present at the semi-centennial exercises the first of this month and delivered an address, celebrated his 80th birthday Wednesday. The Franklin County Conference of Congregational churches, which was in session at his church, devoted the afternoon session to exercises in commemoration of this event. Mr. Whiting has been actively engaged in the ministry for 55 years. He is well known in Palmer, and has many friends here who wish him many returns of the 28th of April.

There is some talk of organizing a baseball team in this village. In years past Palmer has been represented upon the diamond by strong nines, to which has always been ascribed the championship of this section. In recent years the teams have not been well supported, interest in the game seeming to have decreased to a certain extent. At present there is good material in the village, which with the assistance of one or two outside players could be developed into a strong aggregation of ball tossers, and many are of the opinion that, with good management, a team could be placed in the field in a paying basis which would uphold the honor of Palmer on the diamond as in former years.

The rendering of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Tuesday evening by Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams was such a presentation as is rarely met with. Mrs. Williams has a charming personality, and in addition gave the comedy in a truly wonderful manner, presenting the different characters distinctly, and at the same time rendering the lines so that nothing was lost to the audience. Nothing but praise was on the lips of her hearers after she had finished. The attendance was ridiculously small, but unfortunately the entertainment came in a week which was pretty well filled with amusements and other matters; the Masonic trip to Springfield that evening undoubtedly materially affected the size of the audience.

The war drama, "A Prisoner of War," was presented in the opera house Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and the last presentation will be given this evening. Good sized crowds were in attendance both nights, and were more than pleased with the play. The cast, which is all local with the exception of Miss Clara Turner and Bert Miller, rendered their parts in a very creditable manner. Miss Turner as "Dixie Merrill," "Jake Slack," "Lieut. Day" and "Ely Jim" was easily the favorite of the house, and her work brought much applause. Last evening on responding to an encore she was presented with a large basket of flowers from the Sons of Veterans of Ware, who were present in a large body. Bert Miller in the role of Michael O'Honey, of the Irish brigade, showed himself an excellent comedian and an artist in his line. His rendering of this part and his "pigalet" solo were especially well received. Another pleasing feature was the five beautiful tableaus, one at the end of each act. All who wish a good time should attend this evening. There will be a dance after the play.

PALMER CENTER.

Fred Baker is recovering from an attack of measles, at the home of Mrs. Hamilton.

Daniel Crimmins of Spencer spent Sunday here, the guest of his uncle, Daniel Crimmins.

Miss Burnett and Miss Cunningham of Brookfield have been the guests of Mrs Loren C. Trumble the past week.

Mrs. Hannah Bacon returned Wednesday from a visit to Boston, accompanied by her granddaughter, Mrs. Thomas Bosia.

Charles Merrett was called to Brimfield Wednesday to attend the funeral of his father, Horace Merrett, who died Monday from congestion of the brain.

THREE RIVERS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Orcutt are visiting in Chicopee.

Mrs. R. Burlingame visited her sister in West Springfield this week.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10.45 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Mrs. R. H. Strickland of Livonia, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burlingame. She will later visit her husband's parents in Greenwich.

Next Tuesday evening the fourth lecture for the benefit of the church improvement fund will be given in the Baptist church by Rev. Tillman B. Johnson of Lynn. Subject: "Yes, or No!"

THORNDIKE.

Thomas J. Moran of this place has been appointed a deputy sheriff.

Maurice F. Kelliher, who is studying in Boston, is home for a vacation.

P. W. Fleming will leave this week for Lyons, N. Y., where he is to play ball.

Mrs. Grandfield has been visiting with her sister at Magnolia during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan are happy over the birth of a daughter on Monday.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish attended the church unity conference held in Springfield Tuesday.

Mrs. George Mooers entertained the Ladies' Society at her home Tuesday afternoon.

The dance given on Friday evening at Exchange Hall by John Furkey was largely attended.

D. F. Sullivan and John D. Donovan went to New York on Tuesday to witness the Grant memorial exercises.

Workmen are engaged in repairing the long bridge near the No. 1 mill, and it will be closed to travel a few days longer.

Tony Broderick, the "Curbstone Orator," who has made several visits to this town selling soap, was here on Monday evening and attracted a large crowd despite the cold weather.

The ball game at Bondsville on Saturday between the Thorndike and Bondsville clubs was a one-sided affair, and was won by the visitors with ease. Kennedy and Sullivan did good work for the Thorndikes.

Mrs. Healy, whose funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the Catholic church, was a well-known resident of this place, the wife of Cornelius Healy, who died a short time ago. A son and two daughters survive her. The funeral was largely attended. The interment took place in Thorndike.

Everyone is cordially invited to dine at the Congregational church vestry to morrow, when the annual May dinner will be served from 12 till 2. There will also be a sale of aprons at this time. It is hoped that those who have their dollar earned for church repairs will bring it to the dinner, so far as possible.

John Murphy, who is at work repairing the bridge, had a narrow escape on Monday from falling into the water, a distance of several feet. He was standing on a plank when it tipped, letting him fall the length of his body down through the stringers. He managed to break the fall by holding on by his arms, and was rescued without any further trouble.

BONDSVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. John B Costello were made happy by the birth of a boy last week.

Mrs. Charles H. Collis has been spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Monson.

Michael Moynahan has secured employment in Scituate, and left for there Monday morning.

Edward Carr has gone to Rockaway, N. J., where he has secured a position in the bleachery.

Charles N. Shaw is taking a vacation of a week, and attended the Grant memorial exercises at New York.

M. Piscagnaski of Ware has opened a Polish market and grocery in Slattery's building on High street.

Peter Roberts and his family have removed to North Adams, where he has secured work in the mill.

Mrs. C. F. Armstrong returned this week from Fletcher, Vt., where she has been staying with her parents for about a month.

Local friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Morse of Ludlow are pleased to learn that they have a daughter, Gladys Marjory, born last week.

A party of about twenty attended the social and dance given by the Daughters of Rebekah at Palmer Monday night, and report having an excellent time.

Richard Bashand has leased the farm belonging to E. L. Cummings and has moved there this week. Mr. Bashand has purchased R. L. Bond's grey horse "Chub."

Thomas Carmody did not succeed in selling any of his building lots at auction Saturday. The sale was very slimly attended and only two bids were offered, neither of which were accepted.

Mrs. Sibley will retire to-morrow night from the management of the Boston Duck Company's boarding house, and John F. Mansfield will take charge. Mrs. Sibley has had the management for the past two years.

Nancy, youngest daughter of Daniel Quirk of this place, died Tuesday morning at the convent in Springfield, of which she was an inmate for a number of years. The funeral was held Thursday, a number of her relatives attending.

F. E. Davis, the harness maker, had his eye seriously hurt a few days ago. He was bending over his work when a sharp hook caught in his eye, cutting into the eyeball and almost into the sight. Dr. Squier of Enfield dressed the injury.

Thomas Scanlon, an old resident of Bondsville, who moved to Springfield about a year ago, died at his home there last Friday. The funeral was held Sunday, the interment being in the cemetery at Thorndike. A large number of Bondsville friends attended the funeral.

Patrick Mitchell, 60, an old Irish resident of this place, died at his home on High street Wednesday evening. He had not been well all winter, and had a shock about a month ago, from which he never recovered. He has been a resident of Bondsville about 50 years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the burial being at Thorndike.

The Thorndike baseball club and a club picked up from this place and Three Rivers played an uninteresting game of ball on the hotel grounds Saturday afternoon. The game was not commenced until late, owing to the difficulty in getting men enough to play against the Thorndikes. Very few of the Bondsville team acted as though they could play ball, but as none of them have done any practicing this spring that was not to be wondered at. The game was called at the close of the sixth inning, the score being 11 to 4 in favor of Thorndike. Anderson, who covered first base for Bondsville, made a home run.

The orange tea given by the overseers of the Boston Duck Company in the M. E. church vestry was a very enjoyable occasion. The vestry was prettily trimmed with orange colored bunting festooned around the walls and from post to post. The gentlemen who waited on the tables wore orange colored aprons and ties. About eighty persons sat down to a supper consisting of oranges served in a great variety of ways, cold meats, cake, fruits, coffee, etc. A fine entertainment was provided, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and readings. The duets by Miss Carrie Fish and Miss Alice Armstrong pleased the audience very much, also the singing by Miss Ruth Armstrong. Miss Blanche Hellyar also made a favorable impression with her recitations, and was repeatedly encored. A few out-of-town people were present, coming from Palmer and Three Rivers.

BORN.

At Amherst, 24th, a daughter, Mildred Weld, to Charles and Sarah A. White.

At Monson, 28th, a daughter to Henry G. and Mary L. Trumble.

MARRIED.

At Monson, 28th, by Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, Thomas J. Crowley and Nellie M. Kennedy.

DIED.

At Palmer, 24th, Wellington Bennett, 47.
At Bondsville, 28th, Patrick Mitchell, 60.
At Monson, 24th, Dennis O'Leary, 56.
At Warren, 24th, Mrs. Butler Bartlett.
At Belchertown, 27th, Mrs. Jennie Belle Glines, 21.
At Belchertown, 23d, Rodney Mayer 50.
At Hampden, 25th, Marcus H. Chaffee, 54.
At Ware, 23d, Mrs. Owen McArdell, 85.
At Springfield, 23d, Thomas Scanlon, formerly of Bondsville.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

ROOM TO RENT.—Inquire of MRS. N. S. INGRAM, Park street, Palmer. 4-2

FOR SALE.—An Outing Bicycle, '97 Model, never been used, price $45. 5-1 D. E. O'CONNOR, Holbrook's Grain Store.

TENEMENT TO RENT.—In house of C. L. Gardner on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 2-tf

FOR SALE.—The Dwight M. Stebbins homestead in Three Rivers. Enquire of 47-tf C. L. GARDNER, Palmer.

BOQUET DAHLIAS FOR SALE. Choice varieties, 10c each, three for 25c, postpaid. 4-3 H. L. RYTHER, Bondsville.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—from prize winning Barred Plymouth Rocks. 4-tf RALPH LeGRO, Palmer.

I WISH to purchase for cash, Old United States and Revenue Stamps. Address, H. W. McGREGORY, 32-tf Box C, Palmer, Mass.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property near "Parksville" in Brimfield, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
C. W. JOHNSON.
Palmer, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—House corner of Thorndike street and Foster avenue. Hay 65c 100 pounds. 3-tf C. W. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE.—A fine 10-room house with large hall and good closets, barn. All in good repair. Lot 82 feet front and 60 feet deep. Centrally located, near to schools, churches, stores and post office. JOHN A. ORCUTT, Monson, Mass. 4-4

TO RENT.—The very desirable property known as Randall estate, suitable for either one or two tenements, with good barn, with or without land. Inquire of GEORGE E. BUCK, at E. A. Buck & Co's. Hardware Store. 4-tf

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Light Brahmas, Buff Cochin, Black Poland; White Poland, Bantams; Silver Hamburgs, Black Minorcas, $1 per 13. JOHN RILEY, Box 2, Thorndike, Mass. 3 3

BICYCLES REPAIRED,

Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of Light Machine Work done.

GEO. B. KENERSON, Park St., Palmer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

The school committee invite bids for Lehigh, Indian Ridge coal, to be delivered as follows: Bondsville, grate, 45 tons, egg, 3 tons; Thorndike, grate, 45 tons, stove, 5 tons; Three Rivers, grate, 45 tons; Palmer, grammar school, egg, 35 tons; high school, egg, 35 tons; Wire Mill, egg, 5 tons. Coal is to be screened and weighed by a sworn weigher, weight bills to accompany each load as delivered. All bids must be in by 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, May 10th. Bids shall be mailed to School Committee, Palmer, Mass., and marked "Proposals for Coal." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. 5-2

NOTICE is hereby given under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Miland D. Paige has applied for a license of the sixth class, to sell intoxicating liquors as a druggist, at his drug store, on the first floor of the two-story frame building owned by one Johnson, situate on the north side of Main street between the building occupied by O. A. LaRiviere & Co. as a general store, and the frame building occupied by Shaw Brothers as a general store, in the village of Three Rivers, in Palmer.
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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1897:

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House on Saturday, the first day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all Polls (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate, as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interests therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be proportioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage falls to file in the Assessor's office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceeding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

H. T. BISHOP, JOHN O. HAMILTON, A. A. WARRINER, } Assessors of Palmer.
Palmer, Mass, April 7th, 1897. 3-3

Housekeepers, Attention !

The time for cleaning is here again, and I am all prepared to furnish you with

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Choice stock. Single Comb Brown Leghorn, per setting of 13, $1.00; Barred Plymouth Rock, per setting of 13, $1.00; White Plymouth Rock, per setting of 13, $1.00.

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If you want your carpets well cleaned at reasonable rates have them done at Kenerson's Steam Carpet Cleaning Works. Carpets in Depot village called for and delivered free of charge; orders by mail promptly attended to. 26 52

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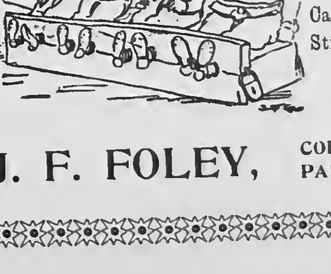

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 30, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Unless the party that took from a certain store, by mistake or otherwise, a pair of gold eye glasses, returns them at once they will be considered guilty of theft and will be treated accordingly.

The Lyon Will Case.

The contested will case of H. A. King, executor of the will of Mrs. Nancy M. Lyon, against Chalmers Dale, Jr., appellant from the decree of the probate court allowing the will, came before Justice Morton of the supreme judicial court in Springfield Tuesday. The case was brought up on motion of the executor to have the case tried at the present sitting of the court, claiming that an oral agreement to this effect had been entered into by the counsel in the probate court. Lawyer Barrows for the contestant strongly objected to having the case tried, as the senior counsel, H. D. Hyde of Boston, had died since the last hearing and he was not prepared to go on with the case, arguing that it would be unfair to compel him to proceed unsupported by other counsel. It was extremely difficult for him to take up the case, as Mr. Hyde had had its management. He would like to have it go over until the next jury term in April, 1898. On the other hand Lawyer Carroll argued that the fact that an agreement had been entered into in the lower court ought to be binding concerning the same case in the upper court. Besides, the property was in such a condition that by postponing the case for a year real loss would be sustained. An argument was also had in regard to framing issues for the jury. A period of 10 days was yet to elapse in which they could be framed, and Lawyer Carroll urged that they be done at once. Delay was pleaded for by Lawyer Barrows that consultation might be had with Joseph Choate of New York, who had been retained and was at present in Europe but was expected to return about the first of the month. The judge held that in view of the circumstances it would not be advisable to postpone the case for a year; and on the other hand the arguments of the counsel that it should not be tried at this sitting of the court had weight. He therefore set the case for trial on the issues for May 24th at 11 a. m., and ordered issues to be framed for the jury by May 17.

Railroad Car Dashes Into a Dwelling.

A narrow escape from a serious accident took place at the residence of Patrick Duffy at the Flynt quarry last Friday afternoon. The switcher in charge of Conductor Burns on its return from Palmer was running some empty cars up into the quarry, when one of the cars became detached from the others, and jumping the track started toward Mr. Duffy's house, smashing everything that happened to be in its way, at last crashing through the house into the kitchen, where it stopped. Dishes and furniture were quite badly damaged, and a barrel of flour which happened to be in the pantry was seen spinning across the room. Mrs. Duffy fortunately was in the sitting-room at the time, and with the exception of a terrible fright escaped injury. Had she been in the kitchen she would probably have been seriously hurt. The car was quickly moved back onto the track.

Kennedy—Crowley.

Thomas J. Crowley, employed in Pendergast's market, and Nellie M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kennedy, were married Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock at the parochial residence of Rev. Thomas O'Keefe. John F. Crowley, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Bridget J., sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The bride and bridesmaid were both prettily attired in costumes of stone blue. After the wedding a short reception was given to the relatives and most intimate friends at the bride's home. Both the young people are well known in Monson, and have the best wishes of many friends. They received many useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley drove to Palmer in the evening to take the train for Boston for a short wedding trip. On their return they will begin housekeeping in G. A. Harvey's house on Pearl street.

T. H. Todd is in Providence on a business trip.

Edward F. Morris has qualified as a notary public.

Mrs. R. H. Cushman is visiting at New Hartford, Ct.

Mrs. L. H. White is spending a few days in Springfield.

A. M. Badge has been ill at his home in Colton Hollow.

Miss Carrie Chapin spent Sunday with friends in Northampton.

Miss Lena Adams, teacher in the Academy, has the German measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leach of Somerville spent Sunday at B. A. Day's.

Joel H Thompson is ill at his home on Main street with pneumonia.

Miss Myra L. Brown is ill at Hammond Hall with the German measles.

Nathan Plumb of Milford, Ct., is visiting his father at the Century Hotel.

Miss Annie P. Seymour is confined to the house with the German measles.

Mrs. F. H. Fenton and Mrs. M. D. Fenton are spending the week in New York.

Chester Blanchard is building an addition on the rear of G. L. Keeney's drug store.

In the M. E. church Sunday evening the pastor will preach on "Man's Personality."

Miss Edith L. Severy of Springfield spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. George M. Severy.

Mrs. William Gates and Mrs. Shearer of Cambridgeport are the guests of Mrs. G. H. Newton.

The Horace baseball team defeated the Giants 15 to 4 on Flynt's Park last Saturday afternoon.

The children attending the kindergarten had their pictures taken in a group Monday by Gaonette.

Thomas J. Mills has taken the contract to build a house for John T. Sullivan on Harrison avenue.

Eugene Shaw of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaw, on Cushman street.

R. M and T. Reynolds have taken the contract to furnish coal for the schoolhouses for the coming year.

There will be a meeting of the Monson fire department next Tuesday evening at No. 1 engine house.

Mrs. George H. Newton with her guests, Mrs. William Gates and Mrs. Shearer, spent Thursday in Somers, Ct.

William Foley has moved from Stafford Springs into his residence on Main street, south of the Monson House.

J. N. Graves has taken the contract to build a two-story house for C. A. Bradway on his lot on Pleasant avenue.

Miss M. M. Kempkes severed her connection with Miss C. B. Gates as dressmaker, and returned to Northampton.

Mrs. Samuel Fitzgerald has moved to Belchertown, where she will live with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Baggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. King, who have been visiting relatives in town, returned Tuesday to their home in Chicago.

Sing Lee, the Chinese laundryman, is to transfer his place of business from Dunham's block to G. L. Keeney's building.

As the town did not appropriate money for night police, the selectmen have notified them that they will not be needed after to-night.

Carl Lanson of Amherst College acted as organist at the Congregational church last Sunday in the place of Prof. J. S. R. Coy, who has resigned.

The Monson stage ran to Palmer last night to accommodate those who wished to see the presentation of "A Prisoner of War," by the Sons of Veterans.

Dennis O'Leary, 56, an inmate of the town farm and well known in Monson, died Saturday. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, the burial being at Thorndike.

The "Universalist Visitor," published by the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church, is becoming so popular that they have been obliged to enlarge the circulation fifty copies.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mary E. Anderson to Eugene R. Cooke, to take place May eleventh at four o'clock at Miss Anderson's home on High street.

The many Monson friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marble will be interested to know that they were given a reception at their new home in Lawrence last Friday evening.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, division No. 10, will hold a social dance in Osborne's hall this evening. Music will be furnished by Brown's orchestra, M. M. Brown prompter.

John Lyons, Jr., superintendent at R. M. & T. Reynolds's new mill, unfortunately had the toes on one of his feet badly crushed Sunday while trying to raise the gate at the mill pond.

R. M. & Theo. Reynolds will make their new prices for coal in next week's issue. Their early prices will be low, and will have to be advanced without notice after their first purchases are exhausted, which will not be long.

The Monson lodge of Odd Fellows observed the seventy-eighth anniversary of Odd Fellowship at its room last evening. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, after which an entertainment and general good time was had.

Quite a number of Monson people attended the Grant celebration at New York this week, among them being Hon. S. F. Cushman, Miss Hattie F. Cushman, S. F. Cushman, Jr., Miss Esther Holmes, Miss Mabel Anderson, and Dr. A. D. Coleman.

A large number attended the supper and entertainment at the Universalist church Tuesday night. The farce, "Timothy Delan's Courtship," created considerable amusement; all the parts were well taken. The singing by Miss Lillian Lapham of Springfield was quite acceptable.

The school committee has organized with Dr. N. W. Raud as chairman and William L. Ricketts clerk. Rev. Harry Blackford and William Sutcliffe were appointed a visiting committee, Dr. Raud and W. L. Ricketts a purchasing committee, to have charge of the purchasing of all school supplies.

The following pupils in the No. 1 intermediate school have been neither absent nor tardy during the past month: Kate Cushman, Sadie Dewar, Anna Marsh, Mary Purcell, Faye Rindge, Willie Babbitt, Ernest Carpenter, Willie Cahill, Clinton Grant, Henry Hale, Ray McPherson, Willie Matros

The class-day exercises at the Academy have been arranged for June 21st at 7.30 p. m., the following to take part:

Historian,	Miss Edith G. Sutcliffe
Statistics,	Julius B. Glover
Prophet,	Miss Maude Aldrich
Poet,	William E. Manchester
Ivy Essay,	Miss Helen M. Pease
Class Will,	Harry L. Needham.

The ivy committee is Miss Elizabeth T. Curley and John F. Lambert, the committee on music Mabel J. Bowe.

At a joint meeting of the Monson and Brimfield school committees Tuesday afternoon Miss Clara A. Wood was unanimously reelected superintendent of schools for this district for the coming year. Miss Wood has served the district five years most acceptably, both by the committees and the people. The conditions are the same as in former years, that three-tenths of the time be spent in Brimfield and seven-tenths in Monson, the salary being paid in the same proportion.

The street sprinkler, which started Monday, was a most welcome sight after the hot and dusty days of Saturday and Sunday. The work of sprinkling will be easier this year, as one new stand pipe has been erected on the corner of Main and Lincoln streets, making five instead of four, as last year. Formerly the water had to be drawn either from the pipe in front of J. H. Thompson's or the one at the corner of Main and Washington streets, making the distance about half a mile.

Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps will give a supper and entertainment in Memorial Hall next Tuesday night The entertainment will consist of readings and instrumental music, and the one-act farce, "Who's to Inherit?" The following is the cast of characters:

Mrs. Annersley,	Mrs. Harlow Chapin
Julia Annersley,	Mrs. A. N. Gaonette
Mrs. Manfort,	Miss Lizzie Lull
Mrs. Fitzjudge,	Mrs. Elmer E. Thompson
Miss Pry,	Mrs. H. M. Smith
Miss Chatter,	Mrs. Mary Washburn
Miss Niceley,	Mrs. Harry Howe
Mrs. Hodgkins,	Mrs. E. R. Howlett
Margery Nockletop,	Miss Annie P. Seymour

A meeting of the Hi Henry, Jr., minstrels was held in Memorial Hall Tuesday night, and although the attendance was small it was decided to accept the offer to give the show in Palmer May 11th for the benefit of the Palmer firemen. The majority of those who took part in it before however, do not think it advisable to take the show to Palmer. When it was given here it proved a success in every respect, and they do not care to repeat it or give it out of town and make a failure of it. If it is given in Palmer a special train will probably run from Monson.

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REV. A. R. NICHOLS.

The New Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Monson.

Rev. A. R. Nichols, who succeeds Rev. W. H. Marble as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Monson, came from Warren, and was previously pastor of the M. E. church at Southbridge. Mr. Nichols was born in Sturbridge, though his boyhood was spent in Brookfield. After fitting for college at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, he went to Amherst, where he took the degree A. B., afterward receiving A. M. He taught ten years in Leicester and Worcester, then went West to the state of Missouri, and while there joined the St. Louis conference. In 1878 he became a member of the New England conference. After coming East from Missouri Mr. Nichols was principal for five years of the West Springfield high school. Besides Warren and Southbridge Mr. Nichols has served churches in Greenfield, Athol, Hudson, the Somerville Park Avenue, and Florence. While at Southbridge the church was thoroughly renovated at a cost of $2500, without leaving any debt; beautiful stained glass windows replaced the old ones, the pews were remodeled, the pulpit platform enlarged, ceiling and walls frescoed, etc. Mr. Nichols always takes an active interest in the affairs of the town in which he is located, and actively participates in all moral questions and issues.

Mr. Nichols has two daughters and three sons. The elder daughter was educated at Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, and has a position with a business house in New York; the younger graduated at Smith College and is an assistant in the high school at Hoboken, N. J. The oldest son graduated at Amherst in 1895, and since that time has been an assistant in the Southbridge high school; the second son graduated at Amherst last June and is just entering business in New York city; the youngest is at home and will be a student at Monson Academy.

The Monson church is in good condition, large congregations have greeted Mr. Nichols, and indications seem favorable for a pleasant and successful pastorate.

WALES.

Invitations are out for the golden wedding May 3rd of William H. Harris and wife.

Constable Hildred is taking charge of the sidewalk in front of the stores, keeping loafers away, who are a nuisance to people who have occasion to do trading in the evening.

Constable W. W. Eager and wife took in the Grant memorial celebration in New York; they will spend about a week visiting friends and sight seeing. During Mr. Eager's absence Constable Jones is doing police duty.

J. H. Loudon, superintendent of the Excelsior woolen mills, has resigned and will go into business at Norwalk, Ct. His family will remain in town for a few months. His decision is very much regretted by the citizens and his employers.

About forty friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Williams last Saturday evening to remind them of their 25th marriage anniversary. Numerous presents were presented and quite a sum of silver coin; abundant refreshments were served, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. George Crouch of Holyoke is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Thomas O'Neill is sick with pneumonia at Vernon Reed's.

Officer Thompson is seen daily walking truant pupils into school.

Mrs. John Strickland of West Brookfield spent last Friday with friends in town.

Lewis Rogers has moved his blacksmith shop from Water street to Ware road stand.

The cooperative store is being moved to its new site on the opposite side of South street.

Work has begun on the dry bridge at Warren, and electric supplies are being laid by the roadside; the road bed will soon be built.

Rev. William P. Blackmer and wife of West Brookfield attended the reception given Rev. Mr. Mason and wife Wednesday evening.

The repairs on the M. E. church are finished. Hale of Springfield laid the carpet Saturday, and the Central Massachusetts Electric Company of Palmer has wired the house.

A reception was tendered Rev. John Mason and wife Wednesday evening in the chapel of the M. E. church. The entertainment consisted of singing and addresses, and refreshments were furnished. Mr. and Mrs. Mason were presented with bouquets of pinks by the Junior League.

WARE.

Washburne's circus will exhibit here May 11th.

Officer Rennison has rented the Clifford house on South street, and will move in May 1st.

Henry Fisherdick was in New York this week, attending the dedication of Gen. Grant's tomb.

The long distance telephone company has a large gang of men at work here putting in a new copper trunk line.

Fred E. Marsh, sealer of weights and measures, has been appointed to the same office for the town of Amherst.

Col. G. R. Davis of Chicago, accompanied by his daughter and two sons, has been stopping at the Mansion House this week.

Miss A. R Champlin of Worcester and her dancing class gave an exhibition of fancy dancing in the town hall Wednesday evening.

An auction sale of the building lots on the Gould place on the Ware town road, purchased recently by Springfield parties, will be held soon.

Rev. A. C. White will give an illustrated lecture on "Cuba" in the town hall next Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

A tank of boiling sulpher in the bleachury of the George H. Gilbert Mfg. Co's. mill overflowed Friday afternoon and set some woodwork on fire. The fire department responded quickly and the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

The French drama, "L'Homme de la Foret Noire," was played Tuesday evening by the social club in the town hall. R. W. Lyman of Northampton rendered his part with much credit, and the singing of a mixed quartette was also well received by the audience.

Mrs. Owen McArdle, 85, one of the oldest Irish residents of Ware, died at her home last Friday evening. Mrs. McArdle was born in Drumshando, Letrim County, Ireland. She was a woman of remarkable business capacity, and in this way had assisted her husband in accumulating quite a little fortune. Besides a husband she leaves three sons, Owen H, Michael J., and Francis P. The funeral was held with requiem high mass at All Saint's church Monday morning.

Licenses Granted.

The selectmen met Monday evening and granted the following licenses: F. S. Gilmore of the Mansion House, D. A. Jennison of the Hampshire House, and William J. Volk of the Storrs House; saloons, John Hennessy, M. M. J. Smith, Frederick A. Volk, Felix Bombard. The amount to be paid for 1st and 4th class licenses was not decided upon, but it will probably be the same as last year, $1600. There is one change from last year's list, John Malbeouf failing to secure a renewal and John Hennessy being granted one in his stead. H. O. Robinson was reappointed a member of the board of registrars, and E. E. Richardson a special police officer.

BELCHERTOWN.

Rev. Paul F. Stephen and family of Cleveland, O., will occupy the Butler place this summer.

Fifty cords of wood belonging to Kelley and Stebbins were burned Sunday evening near the railroad tracks.

Work on the streets in the village and vicinity has been begun, and the sidewalk contractors will arrive soon.

The farm and buildings thereon belonging to the estate of the late John J. Overing will be sold at a mortgage's sale tomorrow at 2 p. m.

The body of the late Berzalda Butler was brought here from Springfield Saturday and interred in Mt. Hope cemetery. Rev. G. W. Locke conducted the services at the grave.

Dr. Charles H. Maynard of Springfield has bought the dental business of the late Dr. E. L. Bartlett, and will occupy the rooms formerly used by him. Dr. Maynard will be at his Belchertown office Monday and Tuesday of each week, commencing with next Monday.

The Woman's Social Union of the Methodist church has elected these officers: President, Miss Louise Van Alstyne; vice presidents, Mrs. A. W. Morse, Mrs. Julia D. Hubbard; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. George L. Witt; assistant, Miss S. A. Lincoln; managers, Mrs. J. V. Thompson, Mrs. M. A. Morse, Mrs. E. C. Witt, Mrs. F. J. Morse, Mrs. E. R. Blackmer, Mrs. Nellie Munsell, Mrs. Oliver Shannon. The report of the treasurer shows that $202 has been raised and paid into the treasury of the church during the year.

Again has Death visited the town and taken one loved by all Mrs. Jennie Belle Glines, 21, wife of Joseph A. Glines of Barnstead Center, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs H. D Hoag, died at the home of her parents on Maple street Tuesday afternoon. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Glines took place 10 weeks previous to the day on which she died. The day after their marriage they moved to Barnstead Center, where Mr. Glines had accepted a position. About two weeks ago they returned to Belchertown on a visit, where Mrs. Glines was taken ill several days later, but her condition was not considered serious until Saturday. Mrs. Glines was well known here and had a large circle of friends. She was born here and graduated from the high school in '93. She was a member of the Congregational church, an active member of the Christian Endeavor society, the Young Woman's Guild and the Woman's Relief Corps. She possessed many lovable qualities which endeared her to all. Besides her husband and parents, she leaves two brothers, Henry D. and David Hoag. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family and husband. The funeral was held this afternoon at the Congregational church.

Found Dead in His Cabin.

Rodney D. Mayer, 45, an eccentric character who lived about two miles west of Bondsville in Belchertown, was found dead in his cabin last Friday by one of the neighbors. Mayer had lived the life of a hermit for a number of years. He had a small income sufficient to furnish him a few necessaries, but lived an isolated life. When found he was sitting at the table and appeared to have been dead three or four days. The remains were viewed by the medical examiner, who decided that death was caused by heart failure. The funeral was held Saturday, the body being buried in the cemetery at "Skeeterville."

WARREN.

Mrs. John Martin is very low with consumption.

Mrs. E. H. Hitchcock is in Palmer, the guest of Mrs. Julia Shearer.

A Chinese laundry has been opened in Harwood's block by Sam Lee.

The ladies of the Universalist society gave a supper in Brigham's hall Wednesday evening.

The Congregational parish will adopt the free seat system, commencing next Sabbath.

Mrs. Mary Ann Allen died at her home on Maple street this morning Funeral Monday at 2 p. m.

J. N. F Quinlan has moved his undertaking rooms to the store recently occupied by B. Frank Pond's harness shop.

Rev. S. D. Gamwell of Brookfield preached in the Congregational church last Sunday; Rev. W. B. Forbush preached in Boston.

It is expected the Italian who was so badly injured by a dynamite explosion at West Warren will recover, though he has lost both arms and is blind.

Nellie Shuttleworth was bitten on the left cheek yesterday afternoon by Patrick Daly's dog, so that three stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Mrs. Butler Bartlett died Saturday and the funeral was held Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and their son Julius have all died with the grippe within two months.

The tin shop on Southbridge street is practically closed. Mr. Henry A. Tannehring is in Worcester, and Mr. Walsh will carry on the business through the West Warren store.

Messrs. C. V. Stearns, W. A. Stearns, Miles E Babbitt, Olin Barnes, Thomas Cavanaugh and Thomas Cunningham are among those who went to East Cambridge this week; about seventy-five are left at the old shop.

It is hoped that a new business may be located in town. It is now carried on at South Farms, Ct., by Messrs. Luther S. Hull and Stephen Tallman. A building for immediate use and exemption from taxes for ten years if they will build has been offered them.

Work on the abutments of the Main street bridge has already begun. The north abutment will be lengthened, and the south one will be moved six or seven feet further back. The stone will be furnished by the Flynt Co. of Monson, and W. E Warren of New York has contracted the job.

The body of Joseph Rycroft, who died in Springfield Monday morning, was brought here Wednesday for burial. Mr. Rycroft formerly lived here and was a member of the Warren lodge of Masons. Besides a widow and a daughter, he leaves a brother, John, of West Warren, and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Bates of Worcester.

Work on the extension of the Warren, Brookfield and Spencer electric road to West Warren will be commenced soon. Two carloads of rails have arrived and the sleepers have nearly all been distributed along the route. The contract for the bridge over the Boston and Albany railroad has been let, and the job is to be completed by June 15.

Arbor Day was observed in town as usual Exercises were held in the schools Friday afternoon. A number of trees were set out in the cemetery by the cemetery commissioners, some on the streets, and a number by private individuals. A plot of ground at the foot of Maple street was graded and set out to shrubs by the Village Improvement Society, and the business streets were cleared of refuse and papers.

A special town meeting was held yesterday afternoon and Frank L. Harwood was elected assessor. The town treasurer was authorized to borrow, with the approval of the selectmen, a sum not exceeding $6500 to cover the expense of changing grade crossings at West Warren. The most exciting discussion of the day came when the question of night and Sunday police was raised; it was argued at length on both sides, but was defeated by the close vote of 42 to 36 A large number of farmers were among those voting against it. It was also voted to adopt the article instructing the overseers of the poor to apportion equally their purchases for the town poor among the various stores.

The 76th annual meeting of the Brookfield Conference will be held in the Congregational church Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Tuesday morning reports from various committees will be read, and an address given by Rev. S W. Brown. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. M. D Kneeland, secretary of the New England Sabbath Protective League, will give an address. Rev. C. W Shelton, secretary of the Congregational society, and Rev. Dr. G. H. Daniels will speak in the evening. Wednesday morning the committee on the "Work of the churches" will report, and addresses will be given on "The prayer-meeting." In the afternoon Rev. Alfred C. Noon, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, will speak on "Church temperance activity," and Rev. J. F. Gaylord will also give an address. The exercises will close with a sermon by Rev. Sylvanus Haywood in the evening.

Electric Road to Brimfield and Wales.

A meeting was held in Brigham's hall yesterday afternoon at which articles of association for the formation of the Warren, Brimfield and Wales Street Railway Company were adopted, and these temporary officers were chosen: President and treasurer, I. L Curier of Worcester; clerk, Joseph G. Hastings of Warren; board of directors, I. L. Curier, George E. Tarbell, John M. Drake and William L. Curtis of Warren, Charles S Tarbell and Orus E. Parker of Brimfield, and Herbert E Shaw of Wales The capital stock of the road will be $150,000, all of which has been subscribed. The company will take all legal steps in procuring charter and franchises from the various towns, and efforts will be made to commence building early next season.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware

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As all the beets turned red,
"Go away!" the onion weeping, cried:
Your love I cannot be;
The pumpkin be your lawful bride,
You cantelope with me!"

But onward still the tuber came,
And laid down at her feet;
"You cauliflower by any name,
And it will smell as wheat;
And I too, am an early rose,
And you I've come to see;
So don't turn up your lovely nose,
And spinachant with me!

"I do not carrot at all to wed;
So go sir, if you please!"
The modest onion meekly said,
"And lettuce, pray, have peas!
Go think that you have never seen
Myself or smelled my sigh!
Too long a maiden I have been
For favors in your rye!"

"Oh spare a cuss!" the tuber prayed,
"My cherry shed bride you'll be!
You are the only weeping maid
That's currant now with me!"
And as the witty tuber spoke;
He caught her by surprise,
And giving her an artichoke,
Devoured her with his eyes!

—*Troy Telegram.*

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS.

DISCOVERED.

The absent minded man, 'tis said
Is he, without much doubt,
Who put the candle into bed
And blew himself clear out.

—*New York Tribune.*

Chicago citizens when they saw "Carmen" advertised to be sung, thought it a comic opera founded on a trolley strike.—*New York Advertiser.*

"Your son has plenty of sand, don't you think?" "About enough to build false hopes on."—*Truth.*

"What makes Tompkins so stuck up?" "Oh, because he's well posted, I guess."—*Philadelphia Press.*

Dr. Powder—"Ah! how are you to-day, Mr. Glimp?" Glimp—"Do you ask as an inquiring friend or as a family physician?"—*Philadelphia North American.*

The law is a sort of hocus pocus science that smiles in yer face while it picks yer pockets, and the glorious uncertainty of it is of mair use to the professors than the justice of it.—*Macklin.*

As soon as a man is comfortably settled at reading on Sunday, his wife finds out that he is occupying the corner that she has not swept.—*Atchison Globe.*

Old young lady (coquettishly)—"How old are you, little boy?" "Four years." "And can you guess how old I am?" "No, I can only count up to 30."—*Tid-Bits.*

He placed a ring upon her finger and then lovingly kissed her hand. She indignantly drew back. "Please, remember, Jack, that there is a place for everything," she said.—*Town Topics.*

"Young Higginside married, you say, on $10 a week? That took nerve, anyhow. What was he working at?" "Nothing. It was the girl that was earning the $10."—*Chicago Tribune.*

"He must not see too much of me," mused the wise virgin. Accordingly she was very careful to have the stripe of her gowns run up and down, for besides wisdom she had embonpoint.—*Detroit Journal.*

"There's one thing about this soap madam," said the grocer. "It saves back ache." "Saves it? Mercy!" said the practical woman. "Who wants to save backache? I'd rather squander mine."—*Harper's Bazar.*

A serious quarrel—Watts—"I hear that Willis has withdrawn from membership in the church. What was the trouble?" Potts—"He and the minister got into a row over whose was the best bicycle."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

"Did you ever ride in one of those horseless carriages?" asked the blond. "I never did," said the brunet. "Why?" "I was just wondering," said the other, thoughtfully, "if a man can drive them with one hand."—*Puck.*

They had been drifting about in the open boat for seven days, and had almost given up hope, when the lookout cried wildly, "A sail, a sail!" The only woman passenger looked up, and asked anxiously, "Oh, is it a bargain sale?"—*Philadelphia American.*

Mr. Goslin—"I dweaned lawst night—aw—that you and I were mawwied—aw—Miss Amy." Miss Tenspot—"You call that a dream, do you?" Mr. Goslin—"Yaws, of cawse." Miss Tenspot—"If I had dreamed that I should call it a nightmare."—*Judge.*

"Porter," said the tourist in the early morning, "what place is this?" "Dis is Canton, sah." "And what is that sound which resembles the sound of a mighty basson?" "Dat's de inhabitants, sah, makin' up for eight months' wakefulness, sah."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

"Are you waiting for a train?" asked the countryman as he came on the platform. And the commuter who had been there for two hours and had missed two important city engagements, replied very calmly: "Certainly not. I am down here by the doctor's orders, taking a sun bath."—*Puck.*

"Your money or your life," he hissed. The girl, who was taking advantage of the gloaming to mount her wheel, frowned. "Sir," she answered, with a trace of irritation in her manner, "If I felt that it were necessary for me to be held up I should employ a regular instructor. Good evening."—*Detroit Tribune.*

"I was so mad," said the vivacious young American lady, "that I could have eaten a pound of nails." The listening Englishman made a note in his commonplace book that evening: "Anger is so well recognized as a nervous complaint in this country that the natives are in the habit of taking iron to counteract it."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

"This butter seems strong," said the young husband, at their first breakfast at home. "Yes," she answered, "I talked to the marketman about that, and he said it was economy in the end never to buy weak butter. He said that even though this might cost a little more, people could get along with less of it, and it would last longer."—*Washington Star.*

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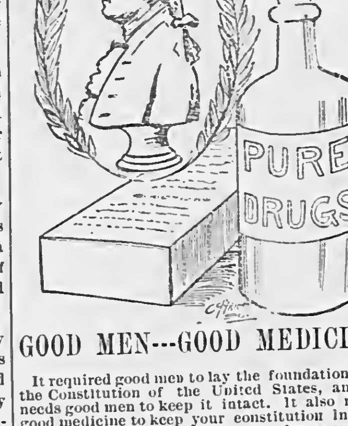

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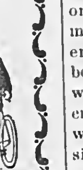

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HE HAD A PRACTICAL MIND.

The people that gathered three times a day at Mrs. Skinner's table represented a wide range of territory, for Mrs. Skinner's establishment, like most New York boarding-houses, was very cosmopolitan. The house also enjoyed the just reputation of being a "homelike place—" a reputation due, in part, to the frequent appearance on the table of dishes whose social position might be doubtful, but which always awakened pleasant memories in the minds of the boarders. On this evening a plate heaped with russet circles flecked with white occupied the center of the table. Mr. Jimson, who is a native of New York; and who sits at the head of the table, smiled and remarked:

"You may say what you please about the dessert, there's nothing goes so well with coffee as a good, old-fashioned cruller."

"It amuses me to hear you call them crullers," said Mrs. Haskins. "Now in Boston we never think of calling them anything but doughnuts. But I suppose the influence of the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam—"

"Why don't you give them a name that means something? They're fried cakes—nothing more nor less. Anybody in Connecticut will tell you that," interrupted Mr. Chesterfield, the floor-walker.

"I'm afraid you gentleman are not given to nice discriminations," remarked Mr. Collamore, the young lawyer at the right of the landlady. "There's a great difference between a cruller and a doughnut. A cruller is sort of twisted, and is solid; but a doughnut is round, and has a hole in it. Now these are—"

"It always makes me laugh to hear men discuss any question of cookery," chirped up Miss Riggs, the stenographer. "They see only the outside, and never notice the essential things. Now let me tell you the difference between crullers and doughnuts. A cruller is much richer and 'shorter' than a doughnut. It is made with eggs, while a doughnut isn't. The shape has nothing to do with it. A doughnut is made of plain dough—

"Why, that's what we used to call 'poverty cakes' up in Vermont!" exclaimed Mr. Plunkett, the drug clerk on Mrs. Skinner's left.

"I was about to say," resumed Miss Riggs, severely, "that doughnuts are made of plain dough, raised as bread is raised, while crullers are not raised—"

"But down in the State of Maine we have what we call plain doughnuts and what we call raised doughnuts, both," said the medical student.

"And out in Chicago we call those things 'sinkers,'" said the tall, long-haired man at the foot of the table, as he pointed to the plate.

The debate lasted long and grew eloquent. In the midst of it there was the sound of a chair pushed back and a satisfied sigh. The new boarder, a boy—just a plain boy—who was learning the hardware business, got up and remarked, as he slid out the door:

"Them things may be doughnuts, or crullers, or fried cakes, or poverty-cakes, but they're awful good. I ain't had any before since I left home. That's why I eat so many. We used to call 'em fried holes."

The eyes of the boarders turned toward the plate in the center of the table. It contained only a little powdered sugar. The boy had listened to the discussion, but he had not allowed it to divert him from more momentous matters.

"I believe that boy will do real well in the hardware business," said Mrs. Skinner, after a painful pause.

PUTNAM'S DUEL WITH A RED-COAT.

Shortly before the Revolution, when the air was heavily charged with forebodings of the approaching struggle, Old Maj. Putnam happened to be in Boston. The major disliked the redcoats, and sometimes inveighed against their arrogant superciliousness in no gentle terms. One day an officer of his majesty's regulars overheard Putnam assert that the provincial army, untutored in arms as they were, would fight with the courage of trained soldiers. The officer resented the assertion, and after some hot words challenged the major to a duel, provided he dared to fight.

"Dare!" shouted Putnam. "Why at any moment; but I choose the weapons."

"Name them," haughtily replied the officer.

"Two kegs of gunpowder; the time tomorrow; the distance 10 paces; the fight to be as follows: You to sit on one keg, I on the other, a slow fuse to be attached to each and lighted, and the one who holds out the longest shall be declared the winner."

There was nothing for the officer to do but accept the unusual weapons, and on the following day at the appointed time and place the combatants took their seats upon the kegs of gunpowder. The fuses were lighted and began sputtering, rapidly approaching the kegs. The officer was deathly pale, and watched the growing danger with dilated eyes. At last he could stand it no longer, and with a leap he left his keg and raced like a madman out of sight. When he had gone Old Put laughingly kicked the burning fuse away and disclosed to his friends a keg of onions. When the matter came to light the officer was subjected to the laugh and gibes of the entire command.—*Harper's Round Table.*

WASHING THE HANDS.—An essential article of the kitchen for use of persons with sensitive hands is a liquid to counteract the action of the alkalies of strong soda on the hand. One of the best preparations consists of equal parts of citric acid and glycerine, mixed together and kept near the sink. As soon as the dishes are washed, wash the hands carefully in a wash dish in a little clear warm water, so as to remove all traces of the soapsuds of the dishpan. Dry the hands and rub them carefully with a little of the preparation of citric acid and glycerine and dry the hands with a soft towel. By this means the most sensitive hands may be kept white and soft and free from chafing in the coldest weather. In default of anything else a little vinegar and cream will act satisfactorily, and there will be no stamp left upon the hands of the over-recurring task of the dishpan.

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THE HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND FISHING BOATS.

The schooner was invented at Gloucester, by a builder of fishing-vessels. History records that "Captain Robinson built and rigged a *ketch*, as they were then called, masted and rigged it in a peculiar manner; when launched the peculiar motion she made as she glided into the water from the stocks caused one of the bystanders to exclaim, 'Oh, how she scoons!' Robinson instantly dashed a bottle of rum against her bow and exclaimed, 'A scooner let her be!' And thus the schooner originated." This event happened in 1713, and three years later mention is made of the employment of a "scooner" in the fisheries of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia.

The invention of the schooner was an important event to the New England fisheries, for its rig has been found, after nearly two centuries of trial, well adapted to fishing-vessels employed in the western Atlantic. It has been materially improved, however, since its adoption, and the lofty, yachtlike fishing-clipper of to-day bears little resemblance to its ancient prototype, even though the rig remains the same in principle.

Immediately after the Revolutionary war the adoption of the "Chebacco boat" became quite general, especially along the north shore of Massachusetts. These diminutive craft, at first ranging from about five to ten tons, derived their specific name from Chebacco, now a part of the town of Essex, Massachusetts, where they originated. Cat-rigged, with two masts, they were "handy" boats, and became so popular that they could be met with on almost all of the inshore grounds. In later years, when some were as large as from fifteen to twenty tons, they grew more venturesome, and their cruises extended to the off-shore banks.

Indeed, tradition tells of some going as far as the West Indies during the embargo period, carrying out cargoes of fish, and returning with rum, sugar, or molasses. The difficulty of intercourse at that time often made these ventures profitable, and apparently less risk was taken in these diminutive vessels than in a larger craft.

As early as 1820 the pinky began to supersede the Chebacco boat. This was similar in form to the latter, being a sharp-sterned craft, but it was larger, and carried a bowsprit and jib, thus having a full schooner rig. It was most generally in use north of Cape Cod until about 1840. In the meantime, square-stern schooners, usually with low quarter decks (thus distinguished from the old-fashioned high quarter-deck craft of the Marblehead type), were built, and for some years after the last-mentioned date they were generally preferred to all others. Prosperity led to continued improvement, and about the middle of the century a material change was made in the introduction of the modern clipper schooners.—*Harper's Magazine* for March.

A STORY BY MR. MOODY.

"In the time of Napoleon I in one of the conscriptions during one of his many wars, a man was balloted as a conscript who did not want to go, but he had a friend who wanted to go in his place. His friend joined the regiment in his name and was sent off to war. By and by a battle came on in which he was killed and they buried him on the battle field.

Some time after the emperor wanted more men, and by some mistake the first man was balloted the second time. They went to take him, but he remonstrated. 'I am dead,' was the reply.

"'You are not dead; you are alive and well.'

"'But I am dead,' he insisted.

"'Why, man, you must be mad. Where did you die?'

"'At the battle of—and you left me buried on the battle field.

"'You talk like a madman,' they cried; but the man stuck to his point that he had been dead and buried several months.

"'You look up your books,' he said, 'and see if it is not so.'

"They looked and found that he was right. They found the man's name entered as drafted, sent to the war and marked off as killed.

"'Look here,' they said, 'you didn't die; you must have got some one to go for you; it must have been your substitute.'

"'I know that,' he said; 'he died in my stead. You cannot touch me; I died in that man and I go free. The law has no claim against me.'

"They would not recognize the doctrine of substitution and the case was carried to the emperor. But he said that the man was right, that he was dead and buried in the eyes of the law, and that France had no claim against him."—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

ETIQUETTE OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

When the President and his wife drive out, the President sits on the right-hand seat, and his wife on the left. If there are others in the carriage, whether ladies or gentlemen, they must sit with their backs to the horses. When Mrs. Cleveland was first married she tried the experiment of placing her mother opposite the President and herself in the presidential landau, but the people laughed at it so immoderately and professed to think Mrs. Folsom (as she was then (to be the maid, that it was speedily dropped. When the President's wife drives alone, she sits in the right-hand corner—the place of honor.

The lady of the White House cannot set foot within those splendid houses in Washington whose flagstaffs mark the foreign embassy or legation as technically a part of the country it represents, the President could not go—so that she never sees the inside of a diplomatic house as long as she presides at the executive mansion. The President dines only at cabinet houses, and his wife cannot dine anywhere without him President Arthur dined with judges of the supreme court and with senators—but as he had no wife the whole system was very much simplified for him. The President's wife may, if she chooses, go to luncheons where there are no gentlemen, or to teas, both being regarded as strictly informal; but the danger of giving offense by accepting one invitation and declinging another is so great that it is seldom or never risked.—*Illustrated American.*

WHY ICE WATER IS INJURIOUS.—The reason why so many physicians object to the drinking of water during mealtime is that Americans, as a rule, drink ice water. The temperature of the stomach is from 98° to 100°, Fahrenheit. After a meal it should be from 99° to 102°, and if a person is exercising it sometimes will run up to 103°. Now this temperature is necessary to carry on digestion in a perfectly healthful way. Constant drinking of ice water during the meal or an ice at the close of the meal will reduce the temperature of the stomach sometimes to 95°, which would stop digestion and sooner or later render one a confirmed dyspeptic. Water of an ordinary temperature is not so objectionable—in fact it would be better to take a swallow of water now and then during the meal provided the water is cool, not iced. Foods that are slightly diluted are more easily digested than those which are concentrated and dry.—*Mrs. S. T. Rorer, in February Ladies' Home Journal.*

PAY A TAX OR MARRY.—A queer law has been introduced by the legislators of the Argentine Republic. It went into effect January 1, and reads in part as follows:

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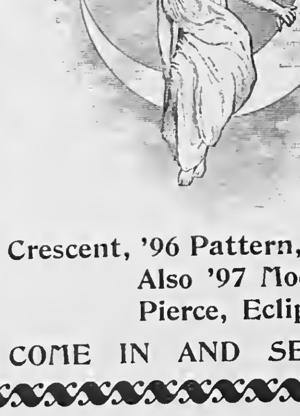

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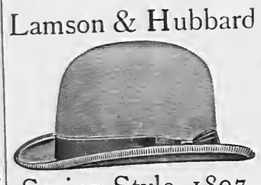

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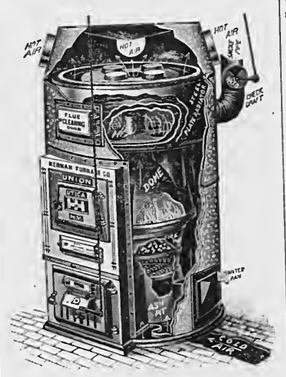

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And we listen, entranced, to your joyous strain,
Fresh from the depths of tropical bowers,
And sweet with the breath of perennial flowers.

There's a cozy nook waiting your presence to fill,
And strong arms outstretched to protect you from ill,
In the big maple tree in front of the door;
You know where it is, for you've built there before.

But robin, listen! I've something to say;
The spoiler has come since you flew away;
The air is full of sorrow and weeping,
And hearts are breaking for loved ones sleeping.

So robin, sing us your cheerliest strain;
"Cheer up! cheer up!" be the sweet refrain;
Sing at the dawn of the morning bright,
And sing at the sunset's waning light.

"Cheer up! cheer up!" let the echo float
Soft and clear from your musical throat,
Till sorrowing ones forget their pain,
And aching hearts grow glad again.

Then softly sing of the land far away,
Where buds never wither nor blossoms decay,
Till by faith we see, in that glorious home,
The shadowy hands that are beckoning "Come."

R. R. CHANDLER.

OLD MAN SWANLEE'S DAUGHTER.

Two men were riding tired horses down an ill-defined trail through North Carolina woods. The one was a New Yorker—keen, alert, dark-haired and chronically one day behind with his shaving. His companion, who rode with difficulty his rough-gaited Kentucky mare, was obtrusively British. Everything, from his deer-stalker cap to his yellow pigskin gaiters with their buttons down the shin, betrayed him for a recent importation from the islands beyond the sea. They were not friends—scarcely acquaintances. They had foregathered some few miles back at cross-roads, and finding that they were heading in the same direction, had jogged along in company.

For the past hour the multitude of trails had bothered them much, and there had been a good deal of toss-up in their choice, and at last neither had any further ideas to offer about the route, and there was no question but what they were most satisfactorily lost. The last blue of the sky was turning to a cooler purple and a couple of tree-toads were already commencing the overture to their nightly opera.

"Say," remarked the American, "have you ever ridden down a strange trail of this sort after nightfall?"

"Can't say that I have."

"Then, sir, you've an experience in store which won't be all molasses. You wait till the trees begin to sneak up and hit you on the kneecap, then you'll—Great Columbus! see that?"

"What, these green shrubs?"

"Corn, siree. 'Indian corn' you call it 'way back in the old country. And here we are. A nigger cabin, I guess. 'Tain't good enough for a tarheeler's shanty."

They wheeled round the edge of the corn patch, their horses picking away cautiously over the outshooting roots of timber and pulled up before a small frame house. As though their arrival had been expected, the rough door swung open and a man stepped out and faced them. He was an old man and heavily bearded. He stood quite four inches above the fathom in his boots, and in the hollow of his left arm he carried a weapon, single-barreled and hammerless.

He pointed to this and introduced it.

"Gentlemen," he said, "this is about the latest—Rawnsley's ten-fire repeating shotgun. The first of you that slips a hand toward the sly pocket of his pants will get a hole let into him that a yoke of steers could drive through. If you want to stay you've got to fight it out."

He of the yellow gaiters laughed.

"What quaint people you Americans are!" he said. "Why the devil you should threaten war in this unexpected fashion I can't imagine."

"Ho! You're a Britisher?"

"English—quite English."

"And your companion—isn't he an exciseman, either?"

The Englishman shrugged his shoulders and the New Yorker then answered for himself.

"S. T. Vanrennan, real estate agent, Irving Place, New York city. Stick to my own trade, colonel, and shouldn't know what a blockade still was if I was shown one."

For a moment the old man seemed inclined to resent this last remark, but only for a moment. Then Southern hospitality asserted itself.

"Well, gentlemen," he said, "how can I serve you?"

"By putting us on the road for Asheville."

"I could not do it. Asheville's good 30 miles beyond this, and the trail's far too bad for strangers to follow in the dark. You must bunk with me, gentlemen, this night."

There was a little more talk, and then the horses were led round to a barn at the back, unsaddled, rubbed down roughly and presented with six corn cobs apiece; after which the two adjourned to the cabin, supped on heavy corn-bread, strong-flavored bacon and raw, biting, smoky corn whisky. After the meal, the Yankee, pleading tiredness, retired to the far room and slept. The Briton, who was traveling in the mountains to pick up character, was glad enough to sit up with his host and talk beside the smelly kerosene lamp over granulated tobacco and corn-cob pipes.

Their conversation was on the whole desultory. Only twice was it interrupted. On these occasions footsteps made themselves heard on the hard red ground outside, and then, after a pause, a silver half dollar rolled in under the door. The old man pocketed the coin, lifted the latch, and reaching a hand out into the darkness brought in a quart bottle, which he proceeded to fill from a keg that wafted through the hut a strong smell of smoky spirit. Afterward he thrust out the bottle into the night, and the heavy footsteps recommenced and died out in *diminuendo*.

On the first occasion the old man commented to his guest: "Say, sir, you're what they call in the mountains a tenderfoot, but, from the face of you, you seem straight. Please remember you've seen nothing."

"I'm under the tie of bread and salt," said the Englishman, "you needn't fear me," and fell to talking about the game in the woods.

When the Englishman awoke next morning he found that his traveling companion had already departed.

"I didn't press him to stay," said the old man, "but I hope you will honor me with a longer visit My name is Colonel Swanlee, which you may have seen mentioned in accounts of the war, and once I had a forty-room house here and close on 200 niggers working on a fine estate The house and the niggers are gone, and the estate has run back for most part into forest. You know the war ruined most of us southern gentlemen, and our lands were bought by porkpackers and successful drummers and Yankee trash generally. I've been luckier than some. I haven't sold a rod of ground. I've been spared seeing a filthy railroad flow through my land, and I've some other mercies to be thankful for. That northerner was right when he hinted at my having a blockade still round here. I do run one. I know it's against the law, but the law—as laid down by the Yankee—ruined me. Consequently I've but small respect for it, 'specially as now it's sized to suit all shades of color. Come, sir; you said last night you were in no hurry to get on. Will you stay a while and rough it with me?"

The invitation was genuine and the Englishman remained, and because the life was fresh and interesting to him and because Old Man Swanlee was loath to let him go, he stayed on till the weeks grew to over a month. There was much to occupy his time; anyone with a taste for scenery may gratify it to the full in the wooded mountains and valleys of the Alleghany country. Sometimes he took his horse and rode along the rough trails far afield—over the Great Smokies, and looked down on Tennessee. Sometimes he roamed through the second-growth forest which had sprung up in tropical luxuriance over the once-cleared land, occasionally shooting a wild turkey or a hawk or a flying squirrel, or whipping in two a small rattlesnake, but for the most part finding full enjoyment in admiring this gallery of pictures which Nature by herself had painted

Once, indeed, he visited the distillery in its weird hiding-place under the waterfall, and glanced curiously over the crude appliances with which the fiery corn whisky was produced. But that was only once, and, indeed, the still was seldom referred to. In the evening, when they sat together under the wooden piazza, the Englishman and his host either rocked and smoked in silence, looking into the warm southern night and listening to its myriad insect noise, or else the old man would talk and unfold pictures of past southern splendor in the halcyon days "befo' the war." They seemed to be living then in an atmosphere of nearly half a century before, and at times the Englishman had hard work to bring himself back to the true realities.

But at last there came a breaking up of the pastoral, and it arrived in barbarous shape. The place was raided by the revenue men.

The visitor was away bee hunting in the woods when they arrived, but hastened back when the sound of heavy firing came down to him over the timber. He gained the hut, perhaps luckily, too late for interference, but the history of what had occurred was written out before him in ruddy lettering. Three officers of the excise lay twisted and dead on the red soil, shot down by that terrible ten fire repeater, which carried its charge like a heavy ball for the short distance. Farther out was Vanrennan, doubled up over a stump like a half filled meal sack. Flitting in and about the trees, still farther down the trail, were four saddled horses leisurely grazing.

There was no sign of Old Man Swanlee.

Had he run for the woods or—

The newcomer rushed across the clearing and into the cabin. The Carolina planter, the Confederate colonel, the blockade distiller, was stretched out on the floor, with blood oozing into pools around him The Englishman shudder-ed and bent down for examination. An ear shredded through by one bullet, temple grazed by another; left elbow shattered by a third; none could cause this prostration. Ah! there was a worse wound—in the groin; that meant death.

Under the impromtu surgery the old man woke up.

"That blasted Yankee Vanrennan says I shot his father at Seven Pines when I was skirmishing for Lee outside Richmond. Very likely; I knew the orders were to take no prisoners. It was all in the way of business. And then, by the way of dirty vengeance, he hrings the excise about my ears. No southern gentleman would have done that—none but a mongrel Dutch Yankee. However, he's got his gruel, and so have the revenue men; and I m dying and—Hello! who are you?"

Old Man Swanlee gripped his gun again and started up full of fight.

"Oh, it's you, sir, is it? I ask your pardon, I'm sure," he said, bowing with old-fashioned courtesy, "but this little domestic trouble must be my excuse. Those fellows have pumped lead into me till I've been a trifle thrust off my balance. Thanks; if you would assist me on the floor again and bring the corner of that box under my head."

He rested a minute to collect his thoughts, and then went on fresh.

"Now, Mr., (I've forgotten your name,) circumstances compel me to ask you an immense favor. I've had good comrades and I've had staunch friends; some were shot in the war and some have died since, and the rest are scattered I know not where. There isn't a soul within riding distance to whom I can trust my little girl.

"Your daughter is this that you're speaking about?"

"That's so. I haven't mentioned her before. I don't let her have any truck with the lot down here, and didn't intend to until the place was ready to receive her as she should be received—as my mother was received when she come upon this estate. Yes, sir, that's what I've been toiling and slaving for all these years, barely spending a dollar in cash, except a few an acre for taxes, holding on to the land with a miser's grip while the forest stamped the snake fences out of sight, brewing a vile spirit for the mountaineers around. No, sir. I've not sold moonlight whisky because I liked it, or hugged my balance at the banks merely to put myself back on the ancestral dunghill. I've done my crowing. But, sir, when my little girl was born in Richmond, during the siege, my wife made me promise before she died that, come what might, I'd see the child mistress of the house we'd been driven from here. My wife was a very proud woman, sir; her family claimed descent from Pocahontas."

"But," objected the listener, "I don't see how this could be. Since slavery has been abolished"—

"One can't get the lazy brutes of negroes to work? Quite so. But I'd a scheme, sir, to remedy that. It would have been frightful gall to the Yankees, but it would have paid here all the same. I should have imported Chinese labor, and with that and a strong hand things would have been much the same as they were in old days. But that scheme must be abandoned now. A man without previous experience such as myself, would never know how to manage such cattle. Would you kindly reach me that bottle out of the locker? I'm getting very faint. Thanks. I seldom patronize my own brew, but, whatever its demerits, it has strength. However, I haven't got much time left and I must come to the point. America was no place for a Southern girl after the war. With the niggers stirred up as they were, there was no telling what might happen to her. So I sent the child to a convent in Paris, and there she's remained ever since. But she's finished her education and she's coming home right now—coming home to her inheritance. Yes, sir, the estate will be hers in an hour or so's time, and with it a matter of $50,000 that have come out of moonlight whisky. Now, sir, will you give a dying man a hand?"

"I will do anything that lies in my power."

"Then find my daughter," came the astonishing reply, "and marry her."

Horror-struck, the Englishman started to his feet. Did not this man realize he was a murderer, still red-handed?

"My God!" said Old Man Swanlee, "you are not going to refuse me?" He stretched out a bony hand and caught at the other's gaiter.

"Heavens, man! think what you are saying. Think what this means to me!"

The other turned away his head in despair.

"It is not much I'm asking. She's beautiful. I had her photograph sent me only the other day. She's highly educated; she's well-born; she's rich. What more can a young man want in a wife?"

"But," broke the Englishman, desperately, "I am not free. I met a young girl in Paris a while back and crossed with her here in the boat from Havre. Before we landed in New York she had promised to become my wife. I never could marry anyone else. I—er—in short, I love her."

The old man's knotted hands wrestled with one another tremulously. "I see," he said at last, with a heavy sigh. "I should like it to have been, but what you say is final. Still, sir, you must do something else for me, if you will."

"Anything that lies within my power," exclaimed the other. "Believe me, anything."

"Then find out my daughter and act as her guardian. Give her my dying command to obey you in everything, and she will do it. See that she has her rights; guard her from adventurers; watch that she marries a good husband, a man that is worthy of her, one that will treat her well."

The old man's face had died down almost to a whisper.

His companion stooped over him. "I will do all you ask," he said earnestly. "But you had better tell me now where I shall find Miss Swanlee"

"Thanks; you are very good. But I ought to have told you she is not bearing that name now. To avoid complications which arose after the war I made her take another, which she will carry till she comes back here. She was christened Miriam, after her mother, and"—

The old man's voice dropped.

"Yes, yes, said the Englishman, impatiently; "but what was the surname?"

"Lee."

"What, Miriam Lee?"

"Yes sir; Miriam Francis Lee."

"Just God! That is the girl to whom I am engaged!"

The Englishman reeled against the table, staring wildly at his host. Old Man Swanlee had ceased to live, but the angel of the hut propped him against falling. On his grim old face there was a curious look of satisfaction.—*C. J. Cutliffe Hyne, in the Pall Mall Magazine.*

ONE OF LINCOLN'S STORIES.

The following anecdote by Lincoln is recounted by Gen. Horace Porter in his "Campaigning with Grant" in the April *Century*. It was told during Lincoln's visit to the front at City Point:—

In the course of the conversation that evening he spoke of the improvement in arms and ammunition, and of the new powder prepared for the 15-inch guns. He said he had never seen the latter article, but he understood it differed very much from any other powder that had ever been used. I told him that I happened to have in my tent a specimen which had been sent to headquarters as a curiosity, and that I would bring it to him When I returned with a grain of the powder about the size of a walnut, he took it, turned it over in his hand, and after examining it carefully, said: "Well, it's rather larger than the powder we used to buy in my shooting days. It reminds me of what occurred once in a country meeting-house in Sangamon county. You see, there were very few newspapers then, and the country storekeepers had to resort to some other means of advertising their wares. If, for instance, the preacher happened to be late in coming to a prayer meeting of an evening, the shop-keepers would often put in the time while the people were waiting by notifying them of any new arrival of an attractive line of goods.

"One evening a man rose up and said: 'Brethren, let me take occasion to say, while we're a-waitin', that I have jest received a new inv'ice of sportin' powder. The grains are so small you kin sca'cely see 'em with the naked eye, and polished up so fine you kin stand up and comb yer hair in front of one o' them grains just like it was a lookin'-glass. Hope you'll come down to my store at the crossroads and examine that powder for yourselves.'

"When he had got about this far a rival powder merchant in the meeting, who had been boiling over with indignation at the amount of advertising the opposition powder was getting, jumped up and cried out: 'Brethren, I hope you'll not believe a single word Brother Jones has been sayin' about that powder. I've been down thar and seen it for myself, and I pledge you my word that the grains is bigger than the lumps in a coal pile; and any one of you, brethren, of you was in your future state, could put a bar'l o' that powder on your shoulder and march squar' through the sulphurious flames surroundin' you without the least danger of an explosion.'"

HOW A GOOD BOW IS MADE.

May I tell the history of my best bow, the dark one nearest the wall? Plaything, the newspaper wise man named the like, in comparison with a five-foot *bois d'arc* (he called it hickory) segment of a hogs-head-hoop, hight a bow, in the hand of a half-naked Sioux buck! It came from a yew-tree of Spain to the London workshop, a billet in the rough, but to be split out with care, and not a flaw in it. The bowyer scrutinized it with the connoisseur's knowing eye, found it perfect, laid it up to season. And for five years,—dream of it!—for five long years that billet passed from stage to stage, slowly hand-worked into a bow; then yet another year it was tested and polished before I could have it. From the strongly wrought horn nock-tips to the green plush handle midway betweeu it, a comfort to look upon; you might well call it a sonnet in wood. A hickory bow, indeed! and an Indian archer! With this yew, at eighty yards, I shot nine out of eleven arrows through a gourd eight inches in diameter.—*Maurice Thompson, in the April Atlantic.*

HIS REASONS.—"I am confident," said the Cheerful Idiot, "that the breakfast must have been out late, last night."

"Why?" kindly asked the shoe fleck boarder.

"The milk is looking blue, the beefsteak feels tough, the coffee is weak, the jelly is shaky, the hash is all cut up, and about the only thing on the bill of fare that seems to have any sand is the stewed prunes, and even they are rather seedy."

Here Mrs. Hashcroft entered the discussion, which became so warm that the butter assumed a rundown appearance.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

THE SHRINK WOULD DO THE REST.—"What's that?" exclaimed the keeper. "Are we out of straight jackets?"

"Yes," replied the attendant.

"Well, put a close-fitting flannel shirt on the patient and stand him under the shower bath."—*Washington Star.*

Crossing the Bar.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea;

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

—*Tennyson*

THE BAKER'S DOZEN.

Baas (Boss) Volckert Jan Pietersen Van Amsterdam kept a bakershop in Albany, and lives in history as the man who invented New Year cakes and made gingerbread babies in the likeness of his own fat offspring. Good churchman though he was, the bane of his life was the fear of being bewitched, and perhaps it was to keep out spirits, who might make one last effort to gain the mastery over him, ere he turned the customary leaf with the incoming year, that he had primed himself with an extra glass of spirits on the last night of 1654. His sales had been brisk, and as he sat in his little shop, meditating comfortably on the gains he would make when his harmless rivals—the knikkerbakkers (bakers of marbles)—sent for their usual supply of olie-koeks and mince pies on the morrow, he was startled by a sharp rap, and an ugly old woman entered.

"Give me a dozen New Year's cookies!" she cried, in a shrill voice.

"Vell, den, you needn' speak so loud. I aim teaf, den."

"A dozen!" she screamed. "Give me a dozen. Here are only twelve."

"Vell, den, dwelf is a dozen."

"One more! I want a dozen."

"Vell, den, if you vant anoder, go to the dnyvil and ged it."

Did the hag take him at his word? She left the shop, and from that time it seemed as if poor Volckert was bewitched, indeed, for his cakes were stolen; his bread was so light that it went up the chimney, when it was not so heavy that it fell through the oven; invisible hands plucked bricks from that same oven and pelted him until he was blue; his wife became deaf, his children went unkempt, and his trade went elsewhere. Thrice the old woman reappeared, and each time was sent anew to the devil; but at last, in despair, the baker called on Saint Nicolaus to come and advise him. His call was answered with startling quickness, for, almost while he was making it, the venerable patron of Dutch feasts stood before him. The good soul advised the trembling man to be more generous in his dealings with his fellows, and after a lecture on charity he vanished, when, lo! the old woman was there in his place.

She repeated the demand for one more cake, and Volckert Jan Pietersen, etc., gave it, whereupon she exclaimed, "The spell is broken, and from this time a dozen is thirteen!" Taking from the counter a gingerbread effigy of St. Nicolaus, she made the astonished Dutchman lay his hand upon it and swear to give more liberal measure in the future. So, until thirteen new states arose from the ruins of the colonies,—when the shrewd Yankees restored the original measure,—thirteen made a baker's dozen.—*Charles M. Skinner's Myths and Legends.*

GIRLS AND SLANG.

There is a fashion in slang, as in everything else, and that used by the youth of today is not the same as that employed by their parents when they were young. But, observes a writer in the *Bazar*, although slang may change, it never goes out of fashion. And I think I may safely state that among young people it was never more deplorably popular than it is now. It is argued that there is no harm in it; and when used only occasionally, among a select few who know one another well, this may be true. But the harmful thing about it all is that the habit of slangy speech is easily contracted, and that it vitiates the speech all unconsciously to the speaker. I have in mind a young girl, bright and well educated, who told me that in a circle of intimate friends she used slang so constantly that when she was with people to whom she wished to talk well and fluently she was obliged all the while to be on her guard lest some slangy idiom escape her. She was at a dinner, and for the first half-hour she managed to avoid all rocks and reefs of slang. Then she grew more confident as she became interested in the conversation of the man next her—a brilliant literateur. He was telling her of a young girl, rich already, to whom had been left a legacy which she was to spend upon just what she most desired for herself. Here he named the sum to be used for that purpose.

Our would-be careful heroine forgot her caution in her amazement.

"Imagine having all that cash just to blow in!" she exclaimed.

And then she remembered, and remembering, flushed scarlet, and was overcome with confusion.

She told me of it with tears of mortification in her eyes.

"Just when I wanted to appear at my best!" she lamented. "But I have learned my lesson, and shall stop using slang, if I have to be dumb to do it. Never, even in the heart of my own home, will I allow myself to use the hateful thing!"

It is a pity that more girls have not learned the same lesson. A little slang used judiciously may be expressive. It is never elegant, and should only be utilized in speech as pepper is employed in cooking—very lightly, and with great discretion.

IN LUCK AFTER ALL.—Old John Wilcox, when the noon whistle blew the other day, sat down on a box in the shade, thrust his hand in his overcoat pocket, looked surprised, and then remarked:

"I've lost my lunch."

He pondered over his predicament a moment and then added:

"I've got something to drink, anyway," and he pulled a bottle of claret out of his other pocket.

Wilcox slowly drained the bottle, threw it aside, and sat lost in thought for a moment. Suddenly he sprang up, slapped his thigh and exclaimed:

"It's a good job I lost my lunch."

"Why so?" inquired another workman.

"Why, I left my teeth at home."—*San Francisco Post.*

The two small boys who wanted to fight Indians had got some distance from home. The romance had dwindled and a discouragement which neither liked to confess had taken possession.

"Look here," said one of them, at last, "I've been playin' I'm Sierra Sam for two days now, haven't I?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Well, I'm kind of tired o' that game. I think I'll play I'm the prodigal son."—*Washington Star.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

A CARD.—The Sons of Veterans hereby wish to express their thanks to all who so kindly assisted them in their recent production of "A Prisoner of War." Also the public in general for their liberal patronage.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

A New Law Aimed to Lessen Damage by This Means.

Every spring a great many forest fires rage in the woods about Palmer. Considerable damage and loss is sometimes entailed, and frequently the fire department has had to be called out. A new law has been passed at this sitting of the Legislature which provides in quite an effective way for the checking of bonfires, but will be applicable only to such towns as accept its provisions in public town meeting. It makes all bonfires between April and October of each year subject to the written permission of the fire warden. It provides for the appointment by the selectmen of a chief forest fire ward, with power to appoint deputies. These have the power to impress into the service men between 18 and 50 years of age, with such wagons, etc., as may be necessary to check the progress of a fire then raging. The following section, 9, of this chapter is particularly interesting; it reads in part:

Whoever builds a fire on any lands not owned or controlled by him, shall, before leaving the same, totally extinguish the fire. . . . Whoever wilfully or negligently sets a fire upon any land not owned or controlled by him, by which property is injured or endangered, or who wilfully or negligently suffers any fire upon his own land to escape beyond the limits thereof, to the injury of another, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $100. Between the months of April and October no one shall set a fire without the written permission of the fire warden or one of his deputies.

Palmer will do well to adopt this law, with all its provisions, at the next annual town meeting.

The First Five Days' Record.

In accordance with the change of policy voted by the town, the liquor licenses went into effect Monday. As a result, the following drama, which will doubtless be succeeded by many of a similar kind, took place: Act 1, Edward Farrell of Manchester, N. H., visiting in Palmer. Act 2, Edward Farrell takes a few drinks. Act 3, Edward Farrell drunk, disturbing the peace, dragged through the streets by officers, followed by a large crowd. Act 4, Edward Farrell before his Honor. Act 5, Edward Farrell behind the bars for 60 days. Farrell arrived during the day, visited the saloons and toward evening had reached the ethereal heights of inebriation. He made quite a disturbance on the streets and finally ran against the commonwealth, personified in Officer Eastman. He was arrested, but as he was crazy drunk he resisted. Near Allen's drug store he laid down upon the sidewalk and refused to move. Officer Studley happened along at this time and both officers dragged him as far as Haynes's store, when a team arrived and he was loaded in and taken to the lockup. It was a most disgraceful affair, and attracted a large crowd of people. In court Tuesday morning he was fined $10, and being unable to pay was committed to the house of correction for two months.

Business has been rather brisk at the court since Monday. Three young men were arrested by Officer Luman of Thorndike Sunday evening for disturbing the peace in that village. They were singing, one of them said, "The Old Oaken Bucket," and thought it was pretty hard to be arrested for singing that popular song. His Honor evidently thought they should have been singing some religious song, or not singing at all, for he fined them $10 each.

Tuesday John Cronin and Daniel McCarty of Thorndike were arraigned for disturbing the peace while under the influence of liquor. They were fined $10 each, and being unable to pay were sent to the house of correction for two months.

These are all the cases which have appeared in court, but are by no means all which might have been brought up. Drunks are common on the streets, and this noon three men, two in an advanced state of intoxication, made a disgusting spectacle trying to ride a bicycle on North Main street. One man who has proved a sober and steady workman during the past year was absent from his work on Monday, beastly drunk.

Trouble Over a Trout Brook.

Considerable interest has been aroused among local sportsmen by a "tilt" between a well-known fisherman and a deputy state game and fish commissioner, which is the outcome of some personal ill-feeling between the parties concerned. Recently H. A. Northrop built an ice pond on the Burleigh brook, which he stocked with trout. J. A. Palmer leased the portion of the brook which flows through the land of C. D. Foster. He fished this brook recently, and being unable to catch any trout suspected that there was a cause and investigated. He found that the brook had been screened on Mr. Northrop's land, preventing the trout from running up. He asked Mr. Northrop to remove the screen but no attention was paid to his request. Mr. Palmer then notified the state fish commissioner and as a result was appointed a deputy, to serve without pay, and given instructions to order the removal of the screen. He again ordered its removal, and as his order was not heeded removed it himself. Many people were surprised at Mr. Northrop's refusal to remove the screen, as they know him to be well posted in fish and game laws. The law says that no brook shall be closed by any owner through whose land it flows, preventing migratory fish from having privilege of running up or down the brook, but there is no penalty attached. When the commissioners discover a brook that is screened it is their duty to order its removal, and if their order is not obeyed they are compelled to remove it themselves at the owner's expense. Of course the public all know that Mr. Palmer wanted to fish the brook and secure some of the trout as they ran up from Northrop's pond, and Mr. Northrup for various reasons wanted to prevent him from so doing. And being aware of the fact that no penalty was attached to screening the brook, did so to prevent the trout from running up until it was discovered, then preferring to stand what little expense might be incurred by its removal by the deputy commissioner. The affair is not wholly settled yet, and there are some matters indirectly connected with it which may yet be brought before the attention of the United States courts.

Death of Mrs. William Holbrook.

In the death of Mrs. Holbrook our village loses another of its active members who came here nearly 50 years ago, and of whom so few remain. She was called into rest Sunday morning, May 2, having remained in a semi-conscious condition for several days, the culminating result of a paralytic stroke sustained several weeks previously. Her husband, Dr. William Holbrook, survives, as does her only son, Dr. W. E. Holbrook of Lynn, and her daughters, Mrs. Clara B. Ellis, wife of Arthur D. Ellis of Monson, and Miss Idella Louise Holbrook, who resides at home. The funeral was held from her late residence Tuesday and was mostly attended by relatives and friends; the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The exercises were conducted by Rev. F. E Jenkins.

Clara Belknap Holbrook was the daughter of Capt. Peter Belknap of Sturbridge; she was born Feb. 14, 1825, and was able to trace her ancestry through several noted lines back to 1632, while both her grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War. She finished her education at Mt. Holyoke under the tuition of the famous Mary Lyon, and began teaching school at the age of fifteen years in her native town of Sturbridge, in which profession she met with notable success; she later taught in Middletown and Boston. She married Dr. William Holbrook of Palmer Feb. 24, 1850, and commenced married life in the now Nassowanno Hotel. Soon after the formation of the Congregational church in this village she became an efficient member of the choir, and retained the position for many years. She became a member of the same church in 1858, and has ever since been active in its various departments of work. Mrs. Holbrook was possessed of keen preceptions, an active mind, a fine literary taste, and of rare executive ability, which latter faculty enabled her to conduct with success her husband's drug store and look after his other varied interests during his long absence in the war of the rebellion. She retained to the last her activity and interest in public affairs, and will be greatly missed in her late home and in the community.

First Bicycle Run of the Season.

The bicycle run to Monson and return Tuesday evening was well attended. Considerable interest was manifested in the run by the wheelmen and public in general, quite a number of people being on the street to see the start, and the finish of the race on the return. Clerk of Courts A. E. Fitch, becomingly clad in knickerbockers and white sweater, acted as captain and set the pace to Monson. A road race was held coming back. Twelve riders started from in front of Flynt's store at 7.30. They rode a short distance in a bunch, when Knowlton and Wells forged ahead. Knowlton kept the lead until thrown from his wheel near Maloney's residence, when he was passed by several riders. He picked himself up and overtook them and soon came up with Wells. Together they rode at good speed, and at about 7.46 came across the bridge at a rapid gate, with Wells a little in the lead. They spurted down the street, Knowlton creeping ahead and they crossed the sidewalk in front of Milligan's shoe store seemingly a tie. After considerable discussion it was declared by several who were near the finish line that Knowlton was slightly in the lead, and the cyclometer offered by W. R. Milligan was accordingly awarded to him. Time was 16 minutes. Forest Whiton was the last man in and was given the bicycle cup offered by A. E. Fitch. It is proposed to hold another run in two weeks, when the start will be made earlier, so as to give the racers the benefit of daylight on their return.

Three Rivers Drug Store Raided.

Deputy Sheriff Northrop and Officers Eastman and Manning raided the drug store of M. D. Page in Three Rivers last Saturday evening and secured a quantity of liquor. Suspicion has rested upon the premises for some time, with the result that the selectmen placed a warrant in the hands of the officers. Three gallons of whisky, a half gallon of wine, one gallon of porter and a half barrel of empty flasks were seized. Sheriff Northrop also made another seizure, which he did not hold very long. While determining the contents of several jugs by smelling of them, he happened to get hold of one containing ammonia. As he was about to smell of it the clerk observed him and tried to warn him, but it was too late; he had taken one good whiff. It staggered him, and "rivers of water rolled down his cheeks." He did not recover from its effects for over half an hour. The next time he searches a drug store he will have his weather eye open for ammonia. A return of the warrant was made Monday morning and a hearing set for the 22d. Mr. Page has just applied for a druggist's license.

The Journal as an Advertising Medium.

One of the local merchants whose announcements are to be found each week in our advertising columns stated, in ordering a change in his advertisement this week, that he had completely sold out a certain line of goods advertised for the first time last week in the JOURNAL. Another says that he is having a brisk demand for an article he announced last week. The right kind of advertising pays, it is sure; and that the JOURNAL furnishes the right kind for local merchants is evidenced by the steady use some of them make of its columns. These merchants are too shrewd to keep on in this way if it did not give them good returns for the money invested, and more and more of them are finding that there is no other so effective means of reaching the buying public as through the columns of a paper which gives the local news of its own and the neighboring towns; such a paper goes directly into the homes and is thoroughly read. This the JOURNAL does; and what it has done and is doing for its present patrons it can do for those who are not represented in its columns.

Leg Broken by the Cars.

John Glancy of Warren, about 30, had both bones of his left leg broken close below the knee yesterday afternoon by a fall from a freight train on the Boston and Albany road. He was somewhat intoxicated at the time, and cannot tell whether he fell or was thrown off. He said he came from Springfield, where he had spent the forenoon, on a through freight, and dropped off at the tank house west of the station in order to get on the local freight which was following. He jumped the train, with the above result. He was taken to the Ware River road's freight house, and Dr. Hendee and Overseer of the Poor Merriam called. The leg was bandaged temporarily, and he was sent to his home in Warren.

Miss Lula Dillon visited friends in Ware this week.

F. Viggers will preach in the Advent chapel Sunday.

Edward Burns has been reappointed a registrar of voters.

Miss Lizzie Wassum of Springfield visited friends here this week.

John Daggett has returned from a visit with friends in Vermont.

H. C. Norcross of Monson has taken a position with E. A. Buck & Co.

Miss Florence Holden of Bennington, Vt., was a guest of H. P. Holden Sunday.

C. J. Leary of Thorndike has purchased a house of H. D. Converse on Park street.

Edward Burns has moved from Thorndike into a tenement on Converse avenue.

Mrs. T. C. Perry of Cumberland Hills, R. I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Richard Westcott.

The King's Daughters met at the home of Mrs. William Mason on Pleasant street this afternoon.

Miss Maud Hadley of Worcester is visiting at the home of Dr. L. H. Hendee on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Pecock of North Brookfield were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson Sunday.

C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, mustered in two candidates at its regular meeting Tuesday evening

Walter Shaw has moved into Mrs. Sarah Wallace's house on Pine street, Mrs. Wallace having moved to Worcester.

The Y. P. C. U. of St. Paul's church will give a salad supper and entertainment in the vestry on Tuesday evening, May 18th.

George Bennett has resigned his position in Stone's grocery store and accepted one in the Boston and Albany freight house.

Miss Mary Monahan has resigned her position as domestic in the home of G. M. Atkins and returned to her home in Bondsville.

The W. T. C. U. will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Congregational church.

The young people of the Baptist church held a social at the home of C. W. Peck Monday evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed.

Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church will exchange pulpits with Rev. George Weston Davis of Wales next Sunday morning.

The assessors have begun their annual work of ascertaining the valuation of property in town and the number of males liable to pay a poll tax.

Ernest Marsh, employed in Taylor's grocery store, is unable to attend to his duties on account of illness. Frank Keith is filling his place.

Mrs. Dickinson has returned to the home of her son, Louis Dickinson, on Foster avenue, after an absence of some weeks, spent visiting friends.

Mrs. George O. Henry has received the appointment as aide on the staff of Department President Emily L. Waterman of the Massachusetts W. R. C.

Charles Thomas has taken the position of janitor at the union station. C. L Powers has taken Mr. Thomas's former position of assistant baggagemaster.

Conductor Sanders of the New London Northern road made his first trip Monday since April 8th, having been confined to his house with rheumatism.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church will give a social in the vestry of the church next Tuesday evening. Ice cream and strawberries will be served.

F. E Cady, editor of the Monson *Register*, has moved his household furniture from Palmer to Monson, and will go to housekeeping in the latter place at once.

A "Gypsy camp" has been pitched in the vacant store in the Nassawanno House block this week, where several "queens of the woods," for a small sum, tell the fortunes of the public.

The Legislative committee on water supply paid a visit to the epileptic hospital to-day, in response to a recent petition to the Legislature for additional water supply at that institution.

J. J. Shea has located his lunch cart near the watering trough on Main street. It has been wired for electric lights, as it will remain in the same stand all the time, being open day and night.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "The missing element in many lives" In the evening he will speak on "The voice of need to the unhappy man.

Edwin S. Beecher and daughter, Mrs. H. A. Crofton with her two sons, Roy and Earl, are visiting at the home of George D. Beecher of Springfield. Mrs. E. S. Beecher is to join them to-morrow.

A hearing was held in the case of Fanny W. Smith against Michael Traverse, both of Brimfield, in action of tort, in the district court Saturday morning. Decision was reserved until to-morrow morning.

Buck & Co. have sold an Eclipse bicycle to S. M. Stebbins. The wheel has a 28-inch frame, and Mr. Stebbins will no doubt be the tallest rider in this vicinity. He will use the wheel in his cattle purchasing trips.

Mrs. E. P. Ball entertained the members of the Woman's Tuesday Club at her home on Park street Monday evening in honor of her guest, Mrs. W. C. Greene of Peacedale, R. I. Mrs. Greene was for some years a resident of Thorndike.

We would call the attention of our readers to the baseball column on the fourth page. Scores and reports of all games played in this vicinity, and also local baseball and sporting notes will be gladly received at the JOURNAL office.

The drinking fountain, notwithstanding all the persistent attempts made to secure its removal, still stands in its accustomed place. It has undergone some repairs, of which it was quite badly in need, and will soon dispense its cooling waters to a thirsty and appreciative public.

These cases from Eastern Hampden came before the grand jury this week and were continued: Thomas Moran and John Coles, perjury; F. B. Richardson, obtaining money under false pretenses; Charles Wallin, rape; Stanislaus Jonaskowski, false pretenses and impersonating an officer.

The ground about the opera house has been graded and will be sown with grass seed, and in the course of time we may expect to see a green, grassy, well-kept lawn in place of the unsightly weeds that have hitherto found lodgment there, which will greatly improve the appearance of the building.

A notice is posted in the post office announcing that E. K. Wilson of London, Laurel Co., Ky , has been awarded the contract of carrying the mail from Palmer to Fiskdale by way of East Brimfield and Brimfield. The contract will probably be sub-let to George Bros , who at present carry the mail.

The Hi Henry, Jr., minstrels of Monson, who after much discussion decided to give the show here next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Palmer fire department, have again changed their minds and notified the local parties who had the matter in charge that they had decided not to present the show as arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hovey went to New York last week to attend the graduation exercises of the New York Homeopathic Medical College, where their son, Robert Ferry Hovey, took his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Hovey has been offered a position on the hospital staff at Rochester, N. Y., which he will very likely accept.

W. H. Allen, the well known trapper, has just closed a very successful season. During the past winter and spring he has captured 940 fur-bearing animals. From the first of March to the 14th of last month he has taken one otter, one coon, seven mink, 24 skunks and 500 muskrats. Mr. Allen has trapped nearly all his life, and is quite an expert at hunting, fishing, etc.

Leon W. Washburn's show will exhibit here next Thursday. Reports from all quarters pronounce this show a leader in tented attractions. It is enthusiastically received and immensely patronized everywhere it spreads its tents, and it is said to give a better entertainment and more of it than any other organization in America. Newspapers are unanimous in its praise.

The selectmen held a meeting in their room in the Memorial building Monday and transacted the usual business. It was voted to do away with the arc electric light at the foot of Commercial street and establish at different points several incandescent lights, thus lighting the street better. The selectmen have also ordered the night police to patrol the streets on the arrival of every train.

Mrs. D. L. Bodfish received word Saturday morning that her only sister, living in Worcester, had died suddenly the evening before. The news was a severe blow, as it was not even known that she was sick. This makes the fourth sudden death in this family circle within a year: Mr. Bodfish's father last summer, followed a little later by an uncle, then W. W. Cross of Brockton last week.

As a result of the play presented last week by the Sons of Veterans, the camp will clear a small amount. B. M. Miller and Miss Clara Turner were so well liked that they have been secured to play here six nights during fair week, the opera house already having been engaged. Mr. Miller is the writer of several well known plays, two of which, with the assistance of local talent, will be presented.

At the regular monthly session of the probate court held in Springfield Wednesday the following business of local interest was transacted: Wills approved in the estates of—Newton S. Hubbard, late of Brimfield, Mary W. Ormes executrix; Maria L Stanton, late of Hampden, William A. Murray executor. Administration was granted in the estate of Mary A. Gage, late of Monson, John Cross administrator.

The members of the Eagle Athletic Club entertained several of the village teachers at their headquarters on Central street Wednesday afternoon. The members of the club did some very excellent athletic work. Skillful tricks with the trapeze and rings were performed, besides other interesting feats. The room was tastefully decorated with flags, and light refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. J C. Wing.

John P. Manning and John B. Dawson were summoned to court Saturday morning to hear judgment on several cases brought against them by the prosecuting committee last fall, and which had been placed on file Manning was found guilty on a charge of illegal keeping and fined $150; Dawson was found guilty of illegal keeping and keeping a common nuisance, and fined $150 on each case. Appeals were taken and bail furnished.

The firemen held their annual meeting at the engine house Monday evening and elected these officers: Foreman, Charles McManamy; 1st assistant, Thomas Dwyer; 2d assistant, Frank Roche; clerk, T. J. Conroy. The officers are the same as last year, and as no fault can be found with their work, their election will probably be confirmed by the board. The company has a full quota of men with the exception of two vacancies caused by the removal from town of members.

Arrangements are being made for a bicycle road race to Monson and return, to be held in the course of a few weeks. It will be open to riders in this town only. Parties in charge are trying to interest local merchants to an extent to have them offer several prizes. Several years ago a race was held which was very successful, and an endeavor will be made to repeat the exploit. All interested in the bicycle project are invited to meet at Tuft's bicycle store next Tuesday evening to talk the matter over and choose a committee to take charge.

The annual May breakfast and dinner was served in the Congregational church Saturday. A good number were in attendance at both meals, which were fully up to the standard of those served in former years. A number of former residents were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weeks and Mrs. F. C. Hatch of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. May of Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Seth M. Smith of Brimfield, and Mrs. Franklin Blanchard of North Brookfield. The Lend-a-hand club held a sale of fancy articles, from which quite a sum of money was netted. Much credit is due the women of the church who arranged and so successfully carried out the plans connected with the affair.

THREE RIVERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trickett are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on Monday.

J. B. Avery, who is now working in Stafford, Ct., spent Sunday with his family in this place.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E A. Thomas, at 10 45 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Putnam of Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Paine on Springfield street.

Alexander McKay has resigned his position in the finishing room of the Palmer Mill, and has accepted a position in a belt shop.

A good sized audience welcomed Rev. T. B. Johnson at his second lecture in the Baptist church Tuesday evening. That Mr. Johnson not only maintained the good impressions created at his first lecture, but added to them very largely and even surpassed the expectation of his audience, was evidenced on the one hand by the response given to his eloquent periods, and on the other by the silence maintained as be pictured his more sacred and impressive scenes The next and last lecture in the course will be given by Rev. Alexander Blackburn, D. D., of Cambridge on the 25th. Subject "Gumption!"

BONDSVILLE.

Charles H. Collis spent Sunday with friends in Monson.

Miss Ellen Fitzgerald of Springfield was at her home over Sunday.

Miss Grace Taylor visited friends in Enfield a few days this week.

Miss Alice Armstrong attended the music festival at Springfield this week.

Mrs. Joslyn has been visiting her brother, Edward Bolton, at Holyoke this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Movat are receiving congratulations over the birth of a son.

John Fitzgerald has taken a position as clerk in Moriarty Brothers' grocery store.

Mrs. Howard of New Salem visited her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Knowlton, over Sunday.

Miss Sadie Beardsley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Woolard, has returned home.

Mrs. Mary Wright, who has been staying several months with relatives in Springfield, returned home this week.

Robert W. Van Tassell has been taking an enforced vacation of a few days owing to a severe attack of rheumatism.

The South Belchertown schools held only a brief session Wednesday, to enable the teachers to attend the meeting at the Center.

Charles N. Shaw returned Sunday night from his vacation. Mr. Shaw spent several days in Rochester, and also visited New York city.

George L. Chaffee and William Pigeon are the latest additions to the ranks of bicyclists. Several local riders participated in the run of the Palmer wheelman Tuesday night.

John F. Mansfield, who has taken the management of the Boston Duck Company's boarding house, has refurnished many parts with new furniture, bedding, crockery, etc.

T. E. Davis has moved into C. L. Holden's house near Fuller's Corner, and James Colt has moved from Holden's house to the one formerly occupied by Agent Martin and now owned by T. D. Potter & Co.

Edna, the two-years-old daughter of Alphouse Grise, proprietor of the Union Hotel, died Saturday afternoon of consumption, having been ill for a long time. The funeral was held Monday afternoon. Mrs. Grise died of the same disease about seven months ago.

Last Saturday was somewhat quiet for Bondsville, the licenses on the Belchertown side expiring Friday night and the licenses in Palmer not being delivered. Only a few drunks were seen on the street, and the toughs who for the past year have made it a point to gather here every Sunday did not make their appearance.

Shaw Bros. of Three Rivers have the job tinning the roof of C. L. Holden's new store, and have been working at it this week. As soon as the roof is finished the carpenters will rush the inside work. The building is to be very plain on the sides and rear, but will have an ornamental front and will be one of the best, if not the best, building of the kind in the town of Palmer.

THORNDIKE.

A Polish wedding party will occupy Union Hall to-morrow evening.

Miss Lillie Murphy has returned from her two-weeks' visit to the Metropolis.

Miss M. Sugrue was called to Springfie'd on Wednesday by the illness of relatives.

John F. Luman has taken the agency for Thorndike for the White Star Line Steamship Co.

Miss Nellie Murphy was called to Worcester this week by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Gearin.

Mrs. Sullivan of Boston, who has been visiting relatives for a week or more in town, has returned home.

Mr. McKenzie, a former resident, now of Jewett City, Ct., is visiting with his son Malcolm for a few days.

The Clinton Hotel has been wired for the incandescent system of electric lights by the Central Mass. Electric Co.

The long bridge which has been closed to travel for several days is now repaired, and the work done fills a long needed want.

James Griffin has moved his family to Indian Orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin take with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

John Moran, who has been working at Hartford, was in town this week for a few days on account of an accident to his foot which prevented him from work.

C. J. Leary has sold his property on Church street to Joseph Bonville. Mr. Leary will move with his family to Palmer soon, having bought a residence there.

Miss Effie W. Moffatt has in training several pupils of the different grades who are preparing for fancy drills, which will constitute a part of the programme of Memorial Day.

Keith Brothers are to sell ice in the village this season, and have fitted themselves with a new wagon for the purpose. Their ice is considered good, and was cut from Sawyer's pond, which is fed from brooks.

Jesse Trumble, who has been employed at the Boston and Albany station for several years, has resigned his position with the company and has taken a position with the Metropolitan insurance Co. His father succeeds him at the station.

C. R. Chabbott, who has been employed in the meat business here for several years, has resigned his position with Walker & Kelley and has gone to Winchendon to accept a similar one. Mr. Chabbott is well known in town and has many friends who, though sorry to learn of his removal, are pleased to learn he has secured a better position.

Rosanna, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Frank Genard, died at the home of her parents on Friday last after an illness of about two weeks. She was a pupil of grade 4, and her teacher, Miss Annie O'Conuor, and the schoolmates sent a beautiful floral tribute in the form of a pillow with the word "Schoolmate." The funeral was held on Sunday morning from St. Anne's church, Three Rivers, and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Death of a Well Known Bondsville Young Woman.

Miss Nancy Quirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Quirk of Bondsville, and sister of Mrs John Manning of Thorndike, died at the convent in Springfield last week. Miss Quirk's name in religion was "Sister Fidelis." She founded the order of St. Vincent De Paul about nine years ago. During her noviciate she was stationed at Holyoke, and afterwards transferred to Worcester; while there she taught school until a year ago, when her health began to fail and she was obliged to retire to the "Mother Home" at Ingleside last February; after her return she failed rapidly until the end came on Tuesday. The funeral was held on Thursday. Rt. Rev. Bishop Beaven of Springfield was present at the high requiem mass which was celebrated for the deceased; Rev. Father Harkins of Holyoke was celebrant, Rev. J. Ryan of Bondsville was deacon, Rev. M. Griffin of Springfield sub-deacon. The bearers were six sister members of the order. Seventy sisters and several friends attended the ceremonies.

THE Massachusetts House is on record as in favor of a statue to General N. P. Banks, the cost to be $30,000.

A SPRINGFIELD merchant advertised the other day for a boy of a dozen or fourteen years, and stipulated that the applicant "must be able to ride a bicycle." That merchant evidently is not a very close student of the genus small boy, or he'd not have thought it necessary to insert that clause. A boy of that age who can't ride is hardly to be found.

IT MAY be that the vexed question of domestic servants is in a way to be settled. Two steamers brought to New York last week 700 young Irish girls, and it is said that 10,000 are coming before the season is over. At any rate there is a large exodus from Ireland, many having their passage paid by friends on this side. The girls will look for housework in New England and vicinity, and if they really want it and are willing, not a one need be long out of employment.

THE bicycle as a saver of life is a new phase of the silent steed's work, but a Perth Amboy, N. J., man made it serve this end last Saturday. While riding he saw a child on a railroad crossing gazing in wonder at an approaching train. He made a spurt and succeeded in crossing the track only a few feet in front of the locomotive, catching the child as he passed and getting it off the track, although he lost control of his wheel and all three were mixed up in the gutter, however, with no bad results.

THE arbitration treaty has been killed in the United States Senate, the vote being 43 to 26, lacking three votes of the two-thirds necessary for ratification. While the record shows that the senators were nearly two to one in favor of the treaty, what a disgrace they have put upon the country! Claiming to be the most civilized nation in the world, it stands in the light of refusing to do that which will do more than any other thing to make the nations of the earth live at peace and harmony with each other.

BORN.

At Three Rivers, 3d, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trickett.

MARRIED.

At Wales, 2d, by Rev. John Ricketts, assisted by Rev. George L. Camp, Fred W. Leland of Brookfield and Alice S. Pepper of Wales.

DIED.

At Palmer, 2d, Clara Belknap, 72, wife of Dr. William Holbrook.
At Monson, 1st, William Smith, 69.
At Monson, 3d, Timothy Caughlin, 23.
At Warren, 30th ult., Mrs. Mary Ann Allen, 79.
At Warren, 3d, Mrs. Annie E. Tolman, 32.

FOR SALE.—Four second hand carriages. 6-2 O. C. MARCY, Palmer.

LOT Second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. 6-13 GEORGE W. LYMAN, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

BICYCLE TIRES $5 Pair, best '97's, full guarantee. MINERALIZED RUBBER CO., New York. Agents wanted. 6-8

BOQUET DAHLIAS FOR SALE. Choice varieties, 10c each, three for 25c, postpaid. 4-3 H. L. RYTHER, Bondsville.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—from prize winning Barred Plymouth Rocks. 4-tf RALPH LEGRO, Palmer.

I WISH to purchase for cash, Old United States and Revenue Stamps. Address, H. W. McGREGORY, 32-tf Box C, Palmer, Mass.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—House corner of Thorndike street and Foster avenue. Hay 65c 100 pounds. 3-tf C. W. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE.—A fine 10-room house with large hall and good closets, barn. All in good repair. Lot 82 feet front and 60 feet deep. Centrally located, near to schools, churches, stores and post office. JOHN A. ORCUTT, 4-4 Monson, Mass.

TO RENT.—The very desirable property known as Randall estate, suitable for either one or two tenements, with good barn, with or without land. Inquire of GEORGE E. BUCK, at E. A. Buck & Co's. Hardware Store. 4-tf

BICYCLES REPAIRED,
Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of Light Machine Work done.
GEO. B. KENERSON, Park St., Palmer.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.
The school committee invite bids for Lehigh, Indian Ridge coal, to be delivered as follows: Bondsville, grate, 45 tons, egg, 3 tons; Thorndike, grate, 45 tons, stove, 5 tons; Three Rivers, grate, 45 tons; Palmer, grammar school, egg, 35 tons; high school, egg, 35 tons; Wire Mill, egg, 5 tons. Coal is to be screened and weighed by a sworn weigher, weight bills to accompany each load as delivered. All bids must be in by 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, May 10th. Bids shall be mailed to School Committee, Palmer, Mass., and marked "Proposals for Coal." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. 5-2

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Look at these Prices:
Ladies' Dongola Button and Lace, Patent Tip, Wide Toe, former price, $3.00,
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SALE PRICE $2.25.
Ladies' Russet Oxfords, Needle and Opera Toe, former price $2.00,
SALE PRICE $1.00.
Ladies' Russet Oxfords,
60c PAIR,
Reduced from 85c.
Men's Heavy Shoes, Lace or Congress, former price, $2.25 and 2.50,
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Cornelius Healy, late of Palmer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Maurice Healy and Hannah Healey both of said Palmer, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the second day of June, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
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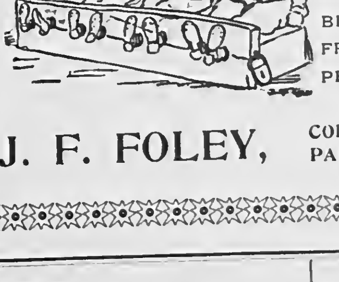

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Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Tickets for "The Old Homestead" are on sale at Keeney's at 25 and 35 cents. An early selection of seats is advisable, as a special train will be run from Palmer and Stafford, and the indications are that the house will sell early.

Monson rejoice!! Elvie Burnett has, with great difficulty, been secured by and for the benefit of the Academy Athletic Association. Tumultuous applause greeted her when here; she was then unknown, what will it be this time? Everyone who heard her remembers her and will hear her this time; to those who did not hear her, we would say Miss Burnett was here with the Tremont Quartette.

The Fire Department Reorganized.

The Monson fire department met at No. 1 engine house Tuesday evening and reorganized for the year. The officers of the board of engineers are as follows: Chief engineer, David B. Needham; 1st assistant, Lyman C. Flynt; clerk and treasurer, Edward P. Donovan. The companies are: Hook and ladder,—Foreman, John Lyons, Jr.; 1st assistant, Arthur D. Rood; 2d assistant, Bruno Ritter; clerk and treasurer, Frank C. Parke; C. B Patrell, Thomas Guion, Otto Ritter and John Guion. Chemical No 1,—Foreman, Arthur H. Orcutt; 1st assistant, Fred J Flynt; 2d assistant, Charles B. Howard; clerk and treasurer, George H. Seymour; William Charles, Wilber Chapin, Arthur F. Johnson and Ralph E. Darling. Chemical No. 2,—Foreman, Frank E Severy; 1st assistant, William G. Needham, Jr.; 2d assistant, Arthur S. Anderson; clerk and treasurer, Henry F. Miller; Joseph Nobart, W. A. Needham, George C. Flynt and Harry Miller. Hose company No. 1,—Foreman, Eugene S. Howlett: 1st assistant, Jerry Lyons; 2d assistant, John A. Sault; clerk and treasurer, James McQuaid; Thomas J. Sault, Thomas Curley, Thomas Crowley and John McQuaid. Hose company No 2,—Foreman, Joseph M. Fagan; 1st assistant, Frank A. Bills; 2d assistant, Nelson A. Bugbee; clerk and treasurer, William H. Pease; Charles C. Keep, Timothy H. Keep, David D. Maney and Trefflе-y Matross. The treasury contains $435 31. Hose company No. 3 did not organize, but will hold a meeting for that purpose soon.

Death of William Smith.

William Smith, 69, an old resident of Monson and a veteran of the late war, died at his home on High street Saturday night at 11 10 o'clock of a congestive chill. The deceased was born in Belchertown, November 22, 1827, and had lived the greater part of his life in this place, having been employed for a long time by the W. N. Flynt Granite Company as a mason, and by the old firm of Merrick & Fay. During the war he served in Company G, Forty-sixth Massachusetts Infantry, and was a member of Day Spring lodge of Masons. He has been a patient sufferer for the past fourteen years from the effects of a paralytic shock, which paralyzed his right side and speech. He was married in Thorndike September 8, 1853, by Rev. S. Hine to Lucy A. Barnes, who survives him, with four daughters, Mrs. Frank A. Bills and Mrs. Alonzo M. Beebe of Monson, Mrs. M. F. Brown of Ware and Mrs. Charles A. Peck of New London. Two brothers and one sister also survive him, Tyler Smith of Monson, Mark Smith of Springfield and Mrs. Olive Maynard of Enfield. The funeral was held at his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating, and the burial was in the Center cemetery. The bearers were William Charles, Leonard B. Charles, Henry H. Wood, John Letter, William H. Horton and G N. Skinner. Marcus Keep Post G. A. R. attended in a body, and held a short service at the cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were given by the friends and different orders.

Honors Offered a Monson Boy.

James H. Tufts of Monson, professor in the University of Chicago, has been honored with a request to be a candidate for a trustee of Amherst College, but makes known his declination in the following letter:

When you wrote to me asking me to be a candidate for trustee of Amherst college, I replied that for several reasons I preferred not to be a candidate this year. As my name appears on the list of those eligible for the formal ballot, I take the liberty of addressing you again, and of addressing others through you. Although an invitation to be a candidate for a position affording an opportunity to serve the college is one that ordinarily should neither be sought nor declined, there are special conditions, which in my judgment, constitute sufficient reasons for my declination to be a candidate this year. Were there no other name of a recent graduate upon the list, I might not feel at liberty to withdraw, but as there is an opportunity to vote for a graduate of equally recent date, of proved business ability, whose interest in the college is well known, and who would devote his time and efforts to the duties of the position, I trust that those who wish to see a representative of the younger alumni upon the board of trustees will cast their votes for Arthur H. Dakin of the class of '84.

It might be said in this connection that Congressman Gillett of the class of '74 is a candidate, and is quite likely to be chosen.

Julius Heimann of New York is in town for a few days.

Freelan Q. Ball has been appointed a justice of the peace.

S. P. Morris is spending a few days in town with his family.

Luther Peck is ill at his home on High street with the measles.

Charles L Ricketts of New York is spending a few days at home.

Miss Clara Amadon, employed at Butler's bakery, has the measles.

Miss Blanch Lyman of Palmer spent Sunday with Miss Effie Aldrich.

Mrs. Henry Wentworth is visiting friends at her old home in Windsor, Vt.

Miss Mary Cuddihy attended the May festival at Springfield last evening.

Mrs. W. A. Lincoln and children of Springfield are visiting at Mrs. W. N. Flynt's.

Miss Addie Davis and Mrs. Etta Russell spent Sunday with friends in Amherst.

Captain Henry Linsey Hurley of Utica, N. Y., is stopping at the Monson House.

Dr. W. E. Reilly returned to Philadelphia Wednesday, where he will open a dental office.

F. E. Cady has moved his furniture from Palmer into F. F. Marcy's house on Pleasant street.

Miss Eva Pike has returned from Wrentham, where she has been employed in a hat factory.

Work has commenced on the memorial arch at the entrance of No. 1 cemetery on North Main street.

Elias Brookins of the Central street grammar school, Springfield, is visiting Dr. George E. Fuller.

Carl Lamson, a student at Amherst College, has accepted the position of organist at the Congregational church.

Mrs. Charles Bruce of Lexington occupied her old place in the choir at the Universalist church last Sunday.

Lorin Squier, who has been spending the winter in Florida, returned home Wednesday much improved in health.

Rev. Harry Blackford of the Universalist church will exchange next Sunday morning with Rev. T. C. Druly of Stafford.

Mrs. M. A. King, a fashionable dressmaker from Hartford, has accepted a position with Miss C. B. Gates on North Main street.

Fredrick E. Fairbanks, stenographer at Heimann & Lichten's hat factory, has moved his family into E. J Foskit's house on North Main street.

The service of four telephones was discontinued the 1st of May. The subscribers were James Pendergast, Mrs John Cross, and two for Charles Merrick.

E H. Brown & Son's delivery team took a lively run through Main street Saturday afternoon. The wagon was somewhat damaged, but the horse escaped injury.

A number of the firemen tested the old fire engine in front of No. 1 engine house last night, and although considerable strength was required to run the pump, yet a good stream was thrown.

The Monson bicycle riders are talking of having a bicycle parade to Palmer some evening next week. If the parade is arranged probably an inducement will be made to the riders to show their speed on the return trip.

The town, through the board of fire engineers, has leased of Lyman C. Flynt for twenty years a piece of land upon which they will erect No. 2 engine house. The plans for the new house are now being drawn by J. J. Lynch, Jr.

The people were somewhat startled at 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon on hearing the fire alarm for district No. 2 given, but after investigating found that the sexton at the Catholic church, thinking it to be noon, had rung "The Angelus."

Lysander Nevins met with a serious accident last Wednesday night in which his new Crescent bicycle was badly smashed. He was riding at the corner of Main and Lincoln streets and collided with a peddler's team. Mr. Nevins escaped serious injury.

George E. Tucker reports that sixty years ago last Monday, May 3d, his father, Captain Joel Tucker, broke ice on a pond back of their house which was three-fourths of an inch thick, which shows that there was some cold weather in May in the olden times.

A good number attended the supper and entertainment given by the Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening. After the entertainment a social hop was given, in which about twenty-five of the young people participated.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Silver Street have secured the Martin and Hill combination of Springfield to present their programme of "Magic, Mirth and Mystery" at the chapel next Friday evening. The proceeds will go towards furnishing the new chapel.

Notice has been posted at the post office by Postmaster Herlihy advertising for bids to carry the mails between the post office and railroad station. Proposal blanks may be procured at the post office, and all bids must be handed to the postmaster before the fourteenth of May.

Dr. Charles W. Jackson has moved his office and residence from Mrs. Chandler Fenton's house to the property recently purchased by him, formerly occupied by Dr. N. W. Rand. The house has been remodeled and Mrs. Olaf Johnson will begin her duties as housekeeper for him next Monday.

R. M. & T. Reynolds make their coal announcement in another column. The Old Company Lehigh coal which they offer has never been sold in town before, and is the best coal mined, costing the highest price. Messrs. Reynolds bought 1000 tons at a low price, and are giving their patrons the benefit.

Harry Howe, of the firm of Howe & Co., owns a cat which has quite a fishing record. One day this week the cat went into the meadow back of Mr. Howe's store where there is a small brook, and soon returned, bringing a fine trout weighing half a pound. This is more than some of our local fishermen have been doing.

Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Congregational church will deliver the Memorial sermon to the Grand Army in Memorial Hall, May 30th, in the afternoon. The memorial address will be delivered memorial Day by Rev. N. L Porter of North Brookfield. The order of exercises will be similar to last year. The music will be local, the singing being mostly by the school children.

The Monson Historical Society solicits for its repository, donations of old town reports, old catalogues of Monson Academy, copies of sermons and addresses delivered in Monson or by its residents delivered elsewhere, ancient local newspapers, and generally written and printed matter of local historical interest. Contributions may be handed to A. D. Norcross or E. F. Morris.

Timothy Caughlin, 23, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Caughlin on Washington, street Monday night after a long illness of consumption. He leaves, beside a father and mother, one brother, Dennis, and two sisters, Elizabeth of Boston and Kate, who lives at home. The funeral was held at St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the burial being in the Catholic cemetery.

Tickets went on sale at Keeney's yesterday for "The Old Homestead," to be presented by a company from Stafford Springs. Several Monson people witnessed the play in Stafford and speak in the highest terms of the way it is put on. Dr. Smith makes an ideal "Uncle Josh," and the rest of the company are first-class in their various parts, The company will bring scenery with them in order to properly stage the piece. A social dance will follow the entertainment.

Marcus Keep post, G. A. R., is particularly honored this year, as its members are represented in both national and state departments Dr. George E. Fuller, who served on the staff of the National Commander, has been reappointed for another year. Commander John C. Aldrich has been appointed aid-de-camp on the staff of State Commander Deane, and George A. Harvey has been appointed as assistant inspector general of the Department of Massachusetts. It is very seldom that a post the size of Marcus Keep post receives such honor as this.

A correspondent writes to know "Why does Monson pay $15 a year for each of the incandescent street lights, and rather faint ones at that?—these are *not* run when there is the least glimmer of the moon North Dana, a few miles away, pays $500 a year for forty 25-candle power lamps, and they are run every night of the year until midnight, moon or no moon. The owner of the plant was in Monson this week; he says it pays him well at that figure. He has 8 miles of line, and his receipts in that little village are $3200 a year and increasing all the time; his prices are low and that is why the people patronize him."

WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Martha Barnes is visiting relatives in Springfield.

Miss Mary L. Poland, superintendent of schools, has returned from a trip to Boston.

A delegation from the Grange attended a meeting of the Ludlow Grange Monday evening.

HOLLAND.

George Bagley has moved to Fiskdale.

The post office has been moved to the residence of Ellen Webber.

Mr. Hodson has moved from the Holland Hotel to Point of Pines, Sturbridge.

William Wallis has sold the Burley farm to Mrs. W. A. Webber. Mr. Wallis has exchanged his home farm for property in Springfield.

The inspector of cattle has recently condemned several cows belonging to Lewis Durant, Everett Butterworth, John Marsello and Carl Howlett.

The Congregational church has been presented with an organ from the South church, and with singing books from the Memorial church of Springfield.

BRIMFIELD.

Louis Sherman of Worcester is in town, working on the buildings of John Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Allen of Worcester visited Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Allen last week.

Miss Anna Wicks of Springfield visited her friend, Mrs. George Hitchcock, this week.

Mrs. George Chamberlain returned to her home on Monday, after a stay of four months with her niece, Mrs. Cheney, in Brookline.

The members of the Brimfield Grange are invited to visit with Warren Grange this evening.

Mrs. W. A. Janes returned to her home Saturday after a stay of two weeks in Worcester.

The stockholders of the Brimfield hotel company met Thursday afternoon, to see about building the new hotel.

Mrs. Hall of Nashua, N. H., is at Goodale Hall visiting her son, Clifford Hall, assistant teacher of the high school.

A number of the students at the high school, members of the senior class, are out on a vacation with the German measles.

A large number of people witnessed the killing of 21 head of cattle on the George Sherman place Wednesday, Mr. Sherman doing the killing for the state commission. All of the animals had been condemned as afflicted with tuberculosis, and all were found to be affected. The animals were from various herds in different localities. Yesterday the meat was taken to Ludlow to be converted into fertilizer.

BELCHERTOWN.

C. H. Snow has been granted a druggist's license.

D. P. Clapp arrived from New York Tuesday evening.

The Sons of Veterans will hold a dance at Grand Army hall the 14th.

Several changes are being made on the premises of the Park View.

The interior of the Baptist church has been thoroughly renovated this week.

John Fuller of Ludlow has bought the place formerly owned by the late John J. Overing.

Mrs. Baxter Cook has bought the "Pepper" place on Federal street, and moved there from the village.

Rev. G. J Newton of the Congregational church will exchange with Rev. J. F Gleason next Sunday morning.

A. D Parent left Wednesday for a month's visit with friends in Southampton, Springfield and other places.

Captain John Anderson will deliver the address in connection with the Memorial Day exercises on Monday, May 31st.

Principal E. H. Parkman and wife of Thompsonville, Ct., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fellows Sunday.

Miss Anna P. Brown of Springfield gave lessons in vertical writing to the teachers of the public schools Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Grace L Scott has been appointed a special commissioner by Gov. Wolcott, qualified to administer oaths, take deposits and acknowledgements of deeds, and to perform like duties.

Joseph Murphy, the eight-years-old boy who has recently attracted much attention as possesing rare talent in drawing, has been given several lessons by Mrs. Jennie Hook in charcoal drawing. He easily takes to this, executing a handsome sketch on his first trial. In later years he will no doubt make his mark in this line of art

House and Barn Burned.

The house and adjoining barn of Mrs. Dora H. R. Goodale, situated three miles from Amherst Center on the Belchertown road, were totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The buildings took fire from a bonfire kindled nearby and the flames spread with such rapidity that no attempt was made to save the buildings and very little of the household furniture was saved. The loss is estimated at about $1500, with insurance for about $300. Mrs. Goodale's daughter, Dora Reed Goodale, is quite widely known as a writer, and it was at this home her literary work was done.

WARREN.

John Gregan spent last Sabbath in Boston.

Dr. Robert W. Hastings and wife of Brookline are guests of Mrs. J. W. Hastings.

Miss Laura Blair has returned from a trip South, including Virginia, Old Point Comfort, and Washington.

Miss Etta Sylvester and Miss Emma Blodgett, teachers in the Springfield schools, are home for a week's vacation.

John G. Leach, Edward Slater, Charles A. Cutler, Amory Crossman and George Bliss have been appointed fire engineers by the selectmen.

Work on the new East Main street bridge is progressing, and attracts a goodly number of spectators. It is expected the workmen of the electric road bed will be on hand soon.

Warren people heard with regret of the death of Stuart McEntee of Chicago, a grandson of Abner T. Burroughs and son of Mrs. Carrie Burroughs-McEntee, both former residents of Warren.

Mrs. Mary Ann Allen, 79, widow of Harrison Allen, died at her home on Maple street last Friday morning She had been in poor health for some time. The funeral was held from her late residence Monday at 2 p. m., Rev. W. B. Forbush officiating.

Patrick Manning, recently employed by C. S. Blair, coal dealer, left his home April 22d and has not been heard from since. On that morning he bade his wife and two children good-by and started out to look for work. His whereabouts are yet unknown.

Through the clouds of business depression that have settled down over Warren the past year a little ray of sunlight, which has justly caused some happiness, has come to the employes of Sayles and Jenks's woolen mill. The five per cent increase in wages, which has anxiously been awaited, went into effect the first of this month.

The conference of churches held in the Congregational church Tuesday and Wednesday was fortunate in having delightful weather and a good attendance. The topics discussed have been timely, and the papers able. Secretary Sheldon and Dr. Strong presented strong appeals for their respective organizations Tuesday evening A very interesting part of the programme was the papers presented by some of the ladies of the conference on child life and child culture.

Mrs. Annie E Tolman, 32, died suddenly Monday evening of pleuro-peritonitis. Mr. Tolman is engaged in business in Middletown, Ct., and his family had but just recently returned to Warren. She leaves five children, the youngest but a few days old. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

The necessary money for a survey of the route of the Warren, Brimfield and Wales electric railway has been raised, and L L Currier, president of the road, looked over the route with an engineer Wednesday. Everything is now in shape for the preliminary work.

WALES.

A F. Pepper met with a painful accident last week by crushing his hand between two timbers. It is doing well.

Joseph Rock has rented of H. A. McFarland his tenement on Main street, recently vacated by J C. Alden.

J. H. Loudon, who it was reported last week was to leave town, has decided to remain, much to the gratification of many people.

The Epworth League of Staffordville, Ct., will conduct the service in the Methodist church next Sunday evening. The service commences at 7 o'clock.

A very quiet and pretty wedding took place last Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Pepper on Main street, where in the presence of a few of the family friends their only daughter, Alice S., was married to Fred W. Leland of Brookfield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Ricketts, assisted by Rev. George L. Camp. The happy pair have gone on a wedding tour in the eastern part of the state, after which they will reside in Brookfield.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harris celebrated the fiftieth aniversary of their wedding Monday evening at their home on Main street. They were married 50 years ago in Stafford, Ct., and very soon came to Wales, where they have since lived. They soon became members of the Methodist church, and have been very active in all the interests connected with the church. They have had two sons, Asa, now of Stafford, and Samuel, who was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun several years ago. Numerous gifts and a large sum of money were presented Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The evening was very pleasantly spent. Rev. George L. Camp and Rev. George W. Davis, pastors of the local churches, made very appropriate remarks for the occasion, interspersed by singing led by H. A. McFarland with Mrs. Ida Needham presiding at the organ. Mr. Harris, in a few well chosen words responded and thanked his friends for the respect they had shown them, and was highly gratified to know they had so many friends. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

The following guests attended the golden wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Asa Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. Philo West, Mr and Mrs Carlos Green of Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. William Holloway of Monson, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. George Cone, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Royce, A. A. Hubbard and wife, H. E. Shaw and wife and daughter Winona, H. W. Needham and wife, E. L. Needham and wife and son LaRoy, C G. Needham and wife, Mrs. Porter Walbridge, Rev. George W. Davis, Rev. George L Camp and wife, William Flynt and wife, A. E. Fox and wife, Nathan Green and wife, C. H Copp and wife, Miss Della Dimmick, Miss Nellie Dimmick, Miss Minnie Williams, Charles Williams, Miss Eva Royce, Edwin D. Shaw, Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Ada Lamphear, Miss Edna Lamphear, Ezekiel Dimmick and wife, Mrs. Maggie Royce, Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mrs. Julia Parker, Miss Jennie Camp, Mrs. Jane Davis, W. A. Lyon and wife, George Marsh, LaRoy Pitcher, Lewis Royce, Miss Mattie Bogsner, Miss Gertie Flynt, Miss Julia Flynt, Miss Ella Baker, Miss Eva Cone, Mrs. Mary Green, H. A. McFarland, of Wales.

WARE.

Miss Anna Campbell gave a party to a number of her friends at her home Monday evening.

Rev. J. T. Sheenan attended the dedication of Notre Dame church, Pittsfield, Sunday.

A meeting of the fire department will be held next Monday evening at 7 o'clock in Fireman's Hall.

The J. T. Wood boot and shoe company, which has been shut down for two weeks, will start Monday.

Charles Stewart, driver of the mail wagon, is taking a short vacation. John Murray is filling his place during his absence.

Hayes & Carpenter have closed their broker's office in Guild's block, and will continue the business in Springfield.

Michael Buckley has bought the farm on the Palmer road known as the Lawton place for $2300 Mr. Buckley will move his family there soon

Leon Sampson was fined $50 in the district court last Friday for illegal liquor selling at West Ware. Another charge against him was filed away.

Joseph Boyle, who has been confined in the insane asylum at Northampton for several months, died there Monday evening. His body was brought to Ware for burial.

At the auction of building lots on West Main street Saturday afternoon only six of the lots were sold, the prices paid ranging from $205 to $50. The other lots will be sold in the near future.

Michael Killey has given up his position at the Hampshire House and accepted a position as clerk at the Hennessy place. James Feehan has taken Mr. Killey's position in the Hampshire House.

Frank Cotter, employed as a machinist in the Otis Company's mills for the past four years, is to resign his position on account of poor health and move with his family to his father's farm in New Hampshire.

The seven men who were granted 1st and 4th class licenses paid $1600 each last Friday evening to the town treasurer. The following were granted druggists licenses: William Kennedy, John D. Smith, J. H. Beauvais, Arthur Stubbs.

Plans have been submitted by various contractors of Boston, Springfield and Chicopee for putting in the school heating and ventilating systems for which the town appropriated $4000 at the March meeting. These will be discussed by the school board at its next meeting.

The selectmen and prudential committee visited several places on the Warren hill recently and decided on a location on the Morse estate where they can locate a stone crushing machine and secure trap-rock for macadam road making Several Boston and New York manufacturers have made application to furnish a complete stone crushing plant.

The New England Telephone company has made a change in their system of communication between Ware and Springfield, which will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the line. A copper wire trunk line for direct communication has been put in, so that the central at Palmer will not have to be called for connection with Springfield, as formerly.

Hiliara Buribe and Miss Rosalma Girouard were married at 5 p. m. Sunday by Rev. Mr. Meehan at the parochial residence. The best man was Joseph Buribe, brother of the groom, and the bridesmaid was Miss Melia Trembly. After the marriage a large number of invited guests enjoyed a banquet at the bride's home. After a week's visit in Boston and other places Mr. and Mrs. Buribe will reside on Church street.

CARD.—We desire to express our sincere thanks to all who have so kindly extended their sympathy and aid to us in our recent affliction, when sympathy means much.

DR. WM. HOLBROOK AND FAMILY.

CARD.—We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to Marcus Keep Post G. A. R., Day Spring Lodge F. and A. M., King's Daughters, neighbors and friends who in our recent bereavement so kindly expressed their sympathy by words and deeds. MRS. LUCY A. SMITH AND FAMILY.

Monson, May 5, 1897.

The Westfield (Ind.) *News* prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider the of best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she said it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption; tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Cold. Free trial bottles of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

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Which is Better? To Try an Experiment or Profit by a Citizen's Experience?

In the realm of medicine and remedies,
Experimenting is extremely dangerous.
A blacksmith can handle the heated bar,
His customers would burn their fingers.
Now supposing you had a weak back,
Or it's lame; it aches and pains you,
Would you experiment with it?
You can read of scores of cures,
But notice this important point,
They happened in far away places;
Its different when cures occur in Palmer.
Easy to prove that it is so.
Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands
In Massachusetts.
Read this case in Palmer; cease experimenting, and follow your neighbor's example

Mrs. John Kimball, of Fox avenue, says:—"I know that Doan's Kidney Pills are a splendid kidney remedy from the way that they relieved me of a terrible backache and pain in my head. I have not had any of those very dizzy spells, that used to come over me, particularly if I were doing anything that required bending forward. On retiring at night I would not be in bed very long when my back would begin aching, and I could not sleep. Now I sleep well and I do not have pains in my head or in my back since taking the treatment. Before I made up my mind to go to LeGro & Lynde, the druggists, for Doan's Kidney Pills, I had not a great deal of faith in them, but now I can say they are a faithful medicine, from my own experience, and I highly recommend them."

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100 at 39c each.
200 at 59c each.
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250 at 79c each.
50 at 89c each.
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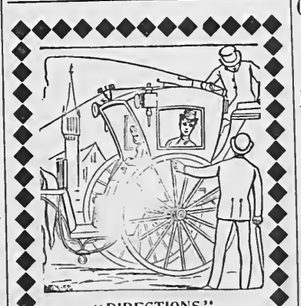

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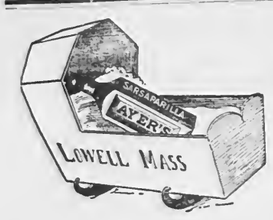

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Leave Willimantic for New London, 8.35, 9.45 a. m. 2.57, 6.40 and 8.45 p. m.

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Leave New London, 5.20 and 7.40 a. m. and 2.40 p. m. for Palmer, Brattleboro and intermediate stations.
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Leave Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20, 11.00 a. m. and 7.10 p. m. connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.
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Boston—6.55, 9.00 a. m; 3.14 p. m Sundays 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—leave Boston 8.45 a. m.; 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Coldbrook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m., 4.28, 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m., 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 5.55, 8.00 a. m.

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He may be fat or he may be lean,
He may be forty or twenty,
And his unctuous smile or satisfied mien
May counterfeit peace or plenty.

He may fast on roots of Latin and Greek,
Or may feast upon legs of mutton,
And never a wrinkle may mar his cheek,
Though ascetic be he, or glutton.

And many a time he may heave a sigh
At the sound of a sinner's laughter,
But the sorrowful, pitying glance of his eye
Doesn't presage a thought of hereafter.

For, down in the depths of his lonely soul
He envies the lucky sinner
Who dreams in peace of a heavenly goal
While his wife is cooking dinner.

And as he makes himself ready for bed
And broods o'er a broken suspender,
He vows that a man should be happy tho' wed
To even a witch of Endor. —*Town Topics.*

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS

She—"Have you many poor relations?" He—"None that I know." She—"Many rich ones?" He—"None that know me."—*Puck.*

"What is it to fish?" he repeated. "Oh you just sit and sit all day long." "And then?" "And then you lie."—*Detroit Tribune.*

"What was the nature of the trouble you had with your last nurse girl?" "She didn't like it because I asked her to stay at home with the children."—*Judge.*

"Hit am better," said Uncle Ben, "ter be er man dat changes 'is mind dan ter be one dat didn't hab no mind ter change in de fus' place."—*Washington Star.*

"Miss Smart has accepted that young fellow who was paying attention to her." "Is he rich?" "Didn't I say she had accepted him?"—*Detroit Free Press.*

"How came you here?" said the visitor to a prisoner in the penitentiary. "I was brought here by my convictions," was the firmly spoken reply.—*Golden Penny.*

Tavern keeper (wrathfully)—"Miserable vagabond! To sit here all the afternoon over a single glass of beer, and unable to pay even for that!"—*Fliegende Blatter.*

First Little Girl—"And isn't your cat afraid of mice?" Second Little Girl—"Oh, no; not a single bit." First Little Girl—"That's queer. And she's a lady cat, too, isn't she?"

Sister—"Why don't you marry her?" Brother—"I'd like to, but unfortunately she has an impediment in her speech." Sister—"What is it?" Brother—"She can't say 'yes.'"—*Dublin World.*

"I presume you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?" "Precisely; it is a lock of my husband's hair." "But your husband is still alive?" "Yes, sir; but his hair is all gone."—*Tid-Bits.*

"This country," writes Mr. Casey to his cousin in Ireland, "is where the man who earns his own living is as good as any other man, and if he don't have to earn it he is a dom sight better."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Hoax—"I thought you said that man was a musician?" Joax—"Nonsense." "You certainly told me he wrote melodies." "I told you he was a composer of heirs. He manipulates soothing syrup."—*Philadelphia Record.*

"Husband, what did the doctor say about me?" "He said that you must give up religion and take to drink." "What!" "Well, he said you must stop doing so much church work and take a tonic."—*Louisville Courier Journal.*

Mrs. Casey—"Harrigan's daughter is turnin' out for a medium. She do be hearin' voices in the upper air, they tell me." Casey—"I hear them every day meself. Sometimes they yells 'mortar' and sometimes 'brick.'"—*Cincinnati Inquirer.*

Mike having been directed to go down to the station and see when the next train left, is gone about two hours. Perkins (anxiously)—"Well, Mike?" Mike—"Well, sor, I had to wait a long toime, sor; but it has just left."—*Harper's Bazar.*

Robert—"So you were not accepted by Miss Vellum? What did she say? Did she tell you how sudden it was?" Richard—"Oh, dear, no! She's literary, you know. She merely replied that she was very sorry, but I was not available."—*Boston Transcript.*

Miss Uptodate (to her sweetheart)—"And after we're married, dear, we will have a nice little cottage." He—"And will you make me do my own housework?" Miss Uptodate (proudly)—"Never! I shall provide the man I love with a servant for that."—*Chicago Record.*

The story is told of an English volunteer officer, in the early days of the service, who, not being quite familiar with the drill-book, was heard to address his men as follows: "Hi there, you! Left—no, right wheel! No, demmit all! Oh, you know what I mean—turn up Bank street!"—*Household Words.*

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"Well," said the man without a newspaper, "what is the news from abroad today? How is the concert of the powers getting along?" "Poorly, I should judge," said the disgusted man with more news than he wanted. "It seems to have been turned into a very low-class, continuous-show vaudeville."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

Boy—"Any hickory nuts in these woods?" Farmer—"Yes, lots of 'em, and I've got a dog that ate a calf yesterday." Boy—"All right; then I guess he won't be hungry today. Don't let anybody know how you scared me." Farmer (after being left alone), "By gum! I wisht I was startin' in life agin and had that boy's chance!"—*Cleveland Leader.*

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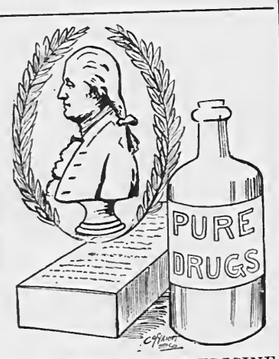

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BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	5	1	83.3	Syracuse,	3	3	50.0
Scranton,	4	2	66.7	Wilkesbre,	3	3	50.0
Springfield,	4	2	66.7	Rochester,	2	4	33.3
Providence,	4	3	57.1	Toronto,	0	7	00.0

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	9	2	81.8	New York,	4	5	44.4
Cincinnati,	6	3	66.7	Boston,	4	6	40.0
Philadelphia,	8	4	66.7	Brooklyn,	4	7	36.4
Louisville,	6	3	66.7	St. Louis,	3	7	30.0
Pittsburg,	6	3	66.7	Chicago,	3	8	27.3
Cleveland,	5	5	50.0	Washington,	2	7	22.2

Palmer High School 27—Ware High School 2.

The Palmer high school ball team completely vanquished the team representing the Ware high school at Ware last Friday afternoon in a six-inning game. The Ware boys were plainly out-classed, the superiority of the visiting team manifesting itself all during the game. Locke, who was in the box for Ware, was an easy mark. He pitched a ball with about as much speed as a freight on the Ware river road, and when it came over the plate it looked as big as a barn; consequently, the Palmers fell upon his curves and smote them all over the lot. And when to muff or fumble the ball. Kennedy, on the other hand, pitched a masterly game, allowing his opponents but three scattering hits. He was also afforded the best of support. In the first inning the Wares were given a coat of whitewash, while the Palmers scored five runs. Neither side scored in the second. Palmer took "a lead pipe cinch" on the game in their half of the third, six men crossing the rubber; Ware's hopes were raised a little in this inning, they managing to secure one run. In the 4th Palmer added one more to their credit and Ware was again blanked. In the fifth Palmer made another batch of half a dozen, and one little solitary score was added to Ware's credit. In the sixth every man on the Palmer team scored. The ball was hit in every direction and runs came in so fast the scorers could hardly chalk them down. In their half Ware again rolled up a goose egg. After this inning the Ware fielders were tired of chasing the ball, the Palmers were tired of circling the bases, and both sides called it "quits." The score:

P. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e	W. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e
Riley, m,	3	4	0	0	0	Locke, p,	1	1	0	3	1
A. Shaw, e,	4	3	6	1	1	Bassett, 3,	0	0	3	4	2
Murphy, 3,	4	2	0	3	1	Holmes, l,	0	1	0	0	2
Connor, s,	3	2	1	0	1	Collins, s,	0	0	0	1	2
H. Shaw, r,	2	2	0	0	0	Clifford, c,	0	0	4	2	1
Fay, l,	3	2	1	2	0	Irrel, 2,	0	0	2	1	3
Kennedy, p,	2	2	3	4	0	Hamlitt, m,	0	0	0	0	2
Tuthill, 2,	2	2	2	1	1	Sw'rth, m,	0	0	0	0	1
Studley, 1,	4	2	5	0	0	Wilson, r,	1	1	0	0	0
Total,	27	21	18	11	4	Total,	2	3	18	11	14

Palmer H. S.	5	0	6	1	6	9	—27
Ware H. S.	0	0	1	0	1	0	—2

Sacrifice hits, H. Shaw 3, Studley, Collins. Stolen bases, Palmer 4, Ware 3. Two-base hits, Riley, A. Shaw, Connor, Studley. Three-base hit, Connor. First base on balls, Kennedy 3, Locke 3. Struck out, Kennedy 5, Locke 3. Batter hit, Murphy. Double plays, Kennedy and Tuthill. Passed balls, Shaw, Clifford 2. Wild Pitches, Kennedy, Locke. Time, 2h. Umpire, Henry C. Davis, Jr.

HUNTS.

Every man on the Palmer team hit the ball safely twice and scored a like number of runs.

The Ware "error column" foots up nearly as much their "put out" column. Games can never be won with such wretched fielding.

Kennedy has the making of a good pitcher. He fielded his position finely, having three put outs and four assists, beside participating in a double play.

Out of five times at the bat, H. Shaw made two hits and three sacrifices. Good stick work that. Riley, A. Shaw and Connor also deserve special mention for their batting.

The Palmer High Schools played the Wesleyan Academy nine at Wilbraham this afternoon.

The Thorndikes will play their second game with the North Wilbrahams at North Wilbraham to-morrow.

M. F. Kelliher, formerly of the Thorndike ball team, has resigned the captaincy of the Boston University ball team.

The Eagles defeated the Hornets of Monson on the park Saturday. The Hornets were a "buzzing" lot of players and the Eagles expected to meet with "stinging defeat," but after a little effort they again perched themselves on the banner of victory. Score, 22 to 13.

Jerry Shea of Bondsville left on Tuesday for Rutland, Vt., where he will play ball the coming season. Last season Shea played with the Vergennes, Vt., team, and made quite a hit in that section. Several of the Vermont papers received here last season spoke very highly of his playing, both in the box and at the bat. He was wanted for the season by the Vergennes team, but will have a longer season at Rutland.

SITTING DOWN HABITS OF PEOPLES.

Most people believe that the habit of sitting down as practiced by themselves is a common human habit, old as the race itself, in no way associated with civilization. But Frederick Boyle, who seems to have one of those inquiring minds that are not content to accept things as they are without first tracing cause and history, contends that sitting down is an acquired habit that marks the hight of civilization. He estimates that even at the present day not more than 10 per cent of human kind practice sitting on the European plan.

Men who do not sit have two attitudes for resting: women use one of their own. Squatting "on the heel" is favored in India and China. In this position the weight of the body falls upon the toes, and to keep the balance comfortable the arms must hang over the knees, the hands dangling. A European trussed in this manner promptly feels a pain in his calves, but he can understand that habit makes it a restful posture. In fact, the colliers of England use it altogether.

The cross-legged attitude is general from Siam eastward through the Malay countries. In the jungle men crouch, the knees raised, the arms folded over them, and the chin resting on the arm. The woman of that region rest upon the floor with the knees bent sidewise, thus throwing the weight on the outer part of one thigh—a mighty uncomfortable posture to a civilized Caucassion.—*Manufacturers' Gazette.*

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Summah's nice, wif sun a-shinin'
Spring is good wif greens and grass,
An' dey's something nice 'bout wintah,
Dough hit brings de frezzin' blas';
But de time dat is de lines',
Whethah fiel's is green or brown,
Is w'en do rain's a-po'in'
An' dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Den yon men's de mule's ol' harnes',
An' yon men's the broken chair,
Hummin' all de time yon's wukin'
Some ol' common kind o' air.
Evah now an' then you looks out,
Tryin' mighty ha'd to frown,
But you can't, yon's glad hit's rainin',
An' dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Oh, you 'ten's lak you so anxious
Evah time it so't o' stops,
W'en hit goes on, den you reeken
Dat de wet'll he'p de crops,
But hit ain't de crops yon's aftah;
You knows w'en de rain comes down
Dat hits too wet fu' wukin',
An' dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Oh, dey's fun inside de co'n-crib,
An' dey's laffin' at the ba'n;
An' dey's allu's some one jokin',
Er some one to tell a ya'n.
Dah's a quiet in yo' cabin,
Only fu' de rain's sof' soun',
So yon's mighty blessed happy
W'en dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

—*Paul Dunbar, the negro poet, in the Outlook.*

A LONELY SOUL.

"Be you my boarder?"

The person addressed looked around with a smile at her questioner. She had just alighted from the cars at a wayside station among the hills, and there was an amused look in her dark eyes, as she answered, "If you are Miss Martha Bascom, then I be."

The other woman drew a long breath of relief. "I was so afraid," she said, "that something would hinder your coming. Now, just as soon as the cars are out of sight, I'll bring around the horse, and we will go home. It's deacon Hind's horse, and he's dreadful afraid of railroads."

Disappearing behind the station for a moment, she presently came leading a very meek-looking animal She led him by the bit, at arm's length, and seemed very much afraid he would step on her. It was quite evident Martha did not feel at home with horses.

The small trunk was placed in the back of the open wagon by the station master and, climbing up beside her driver, the boarder, whose name was Marcia Ames, presently found herself riding down a most beautiful country road.

It had been a warm June day, and the sun was still hot on the depot platform, a cool breeze met them, laden with all the fragrance of the pines and other sweet odors of the wood. The wild roses made pink all the hedges. On one side Marcia saw a meadow white with daisies, like summer snow; and Martha Bascom, on meeting a carriage, turned out to let it go by, her wheels crushed the mint that grew by the roadside, and the strong fragrance came to Marcia like a welcome. She sighed with content. "I am glad that I answered that queer advertisement," she said to herself, "and I will stay here all summer, if things are bearable."

"What a lovely road!" she said to her companion.

"Ain't it?" replied Martha. "Sometimes when I am worried most to death, I walk down the depot road, as we call it, and my cares all fade away, and things don't seem worth minding."

Miss Ames looked at her. "A character," she thought, "and one that I shall like to study."

She was a straight figure that disdained the support of the back of the seat; a careworn face with grave gray eyes and a smiling mouth that did not seem to belong to the rest of the face. She was dressed in a brown check gingham, as clean as possible; you could see the fold where it had been ironed. She wore a shade hat with strings, which were tied in a prim bow under a rather square chin.

She looked up and caught Marcia's glance.

"I hope," she said, "you won't laugh at my hat; I can't bear bonnets. I know hats are for girls; but I put strings on this, and thought they would take the curse off."

"I'm not a girl," said Marcia pleasantly, "and I have a hat in my trunk. I hope you won't insist on my putting strings on it."

"Oh!" replied the other, "you can wear what you have a mind to; I don't care."

"You need not be surprised," she went on, "if folks look pretty hard at you. You see I didn't tell anybody I was going to take a boarder, and they don't know who you can be. I hope you will be contented. I haven't got much room, but I can give you a good bed. And I've bought a hammock for you. All the summer boarders I ever heard of loved to set in them."

And Marcia assured her she loved hammocks, and did not care for room, as she intended to live out of doors most of the time.

People did stare when they met them, and presently the horse was brought to a standstill by Martha before the gate of a low red house on the side of a hill, and she told her companion she had got home. "You go in the front door," said she, 'and I will get somebody to help me out with your trunk, and carry the horse home. Go in and turn to the left. I won't be but a minute."

Marcia followed directions, and found herself in a large front room. The door was painted yellow, and it was so clean it shone; various worn places were trying to hide under braided mats, and everything was spotlessely clean. Between the two front windows a table was set for two.

"Her dining-room," she said to herself, "or her kitchen," as she caught sight of a small cook stove. A door opened between the side windows, and Marcia saw a piazza with a hammock in a shady corner. There was a homemade lounge in one part of the room, and she sat down on it, thinking she would not remove her bonnet until she went to her room.

And when Martha came in she untied her hat strings with nervous hands.

"I don't know how to tell you," she said, "but this is all the house I've got. I know it's ridiculous for me to think of taking a boarder, but I've got to earn some money somehow, and there didn't seem to be any other way."

She held out her hand, and Marcia saw that they trembled. "I will do well by you," she went on; "do say that you will put up with it and stay. You don't know what it will be to me."

There was something in the woman's face that touched Marcia. "She is in trouble," she thought, "and I'm going to help her."

She smiled reassuringly. "If you don't think I will crowd you," she said, "I'll stay. But you don't mean this room is all you have?" And Marcia hastened to tell her there was a bedroom where she could sleep. "I shall sleep on the lounge," she added, as she opened the door of the little sleeping-room, and Marcia went in and took off her bonnet.

It was the next morning. Martha's housework was all done; so she took her rocking chair out on the piazza, where her boarder was trying the new hammock, and as she rocked, she knit, and presently began to talk.

"I want to tell you all about it," she said. "You see this was father's house, and, when he died, he left it to brother James and me, after mother. James, he thought, would move right down here, and he wanted mother and me to live in with them, and have a chamber finished off to sleep in; but we didn't want to—we didn't like his wife over and above—and so we divided the house. Afterwards James built on a porch on his part. They've got a dining room and everything.

"And mother and I lived in here for a good many years. We got along real comfortable. She had her pension, and I sewed braid; but after a while they stopped bringing braid around. It was all sewed on machines in the straw shop. And then mother died.

She was silent a moment, and Marcia saw her lips quiver.

"She died, and I was left all alone. James wanted me to break up and live in with them—his wife wanted this room for a parlor—but I could not; it was home and I knew it wouldn't be in the other part.

"The children were sassy, too; they hadn't used mother well, and one of them called me an old maid. His mother heard him, and I looked at her, for I thought she would take him to do; but she didn't; she only laughed. And she knew," continued Martha, "all about my disappointment, too. I was going to marry Hiram Parker, and I had all my sheets and pillow cases made, and mother and I were just going to quilt. I had five bed quilts already for the bars. He wasn't sick but two weeks; it was typhus fever. I am sure I feel just like a widder, and I went to his funeral as chief mourner. It was cruel for James' wife to let her boy twit me so, as if I had never had a chance to be married, like Liddy Wilbur." And Martha's knitting needles flashed brightly in the sun, and her gray eyes were almost black with the remembrance of her wrongs. Marcia murmured sympathizingly, and presently Martha went on.

"It's eight years now," she said, "since mother died, and they are always at me to give them this part of the house. I can't bear to. I've got along in spite of them till now."

"But how could you?" said Marcia.

"What did you do to get something to eat?"

The other woman looked at her a moment, "I suppose" she said, "you despise me, but I have worked just like a man. That field over there is mine. I planted it myself, and raised a good many things to sell. I went huckleberrying, and sold my grass standing, for fifteen dollars, every year, and year before last I sold potatoes enough to buy me a barrel of flower and an alpaca dress. I got a man to plough the field and I planted the potatoes myself, and hoed them and dug them. I've got along all right till last year; it was so dry that everything dried up. There wasn't any huckleberries, and my potatoes were to little too sell. James used to put a hose in the pond to get water to water his garden, but he never put a drop on mine. They wanted me to give up and they thought I would have to.

"I came pretty short that winter. Many a time I did not have anything to eat but hasty pudding, and I could not buy my tea. I used to smell it from the other part of the house and I wanted it so bad.

"I will say I don't think James know how poor I was; he has always been pretty good to me. And the neighbors used to invite me out to spend the afternoon. I used to be afraid sometimes they mistrusted how poor I was.

"I've got a splendid garden this year, but I know we may have a dry season again, and I made up my mind I must have a little money to fall back on. I laid awake night after night, thinking of every way folks took to earn money, and finally I thought if I could only take a boarder I could save most of her board in the summer; for most folks like garden sass and so forth, and I've got most everything planted, and they are doing well. I tried to get the schoolmarm. I went to see her, and when she heard what accommodations I could give her, she laughed at me; but she promised she would not tell anybody I asked her.

"I composed that advertisement myself, and sent it to a Boston paper, because I don't know anybody around here that took a paper from there, and I could not bear to have anybody know I had tried to get a boarder if I did not get one. I never saw how it looked in print," and she looked appealingly at Marcia, who told her she was very much to the point and all right.

Then they sat in silence for a while, and Marcia thought how she had read the advertisement in her city home, and laughed at it, and then suddenly determined to answer it and find out what manner of woman Martha Bascom was. She thought over the words she had read:

"WANTED, a lady boarder, by a plain country woman, who will do the best she can. The view from the piazza is beautiful and you will be sure to like it. Address, Miss Martha Bascom, Littlefield, Mass."

And here she was, seated on the piazza. She let her eyes wander over the scene before her.

"Yes, it is beautiful," she thought. The house was on a hill, and she could look a long way down the valley at her feet.

Field after field was outlined there; the stone wall that marked their boundaries seemed like children's work—like the playhouses her brothers used to make years ago, marking out the rooms with a row of stones. A thick growth of bushes and trees told where the river crept, and she could see the glitter of the water here and there, between the trees.

"I don't wonder," she said to herself, "that poor woman wanted to keep her home. I will help her keep it all I can."

One day they were in the parlor, as Marcia called the piazza. She had hung it around with pretty shawls, and had a bright cushion in the hammock; a vine shaded one side, and Martha's thrush sang in his cage among the leaves.

"There is one thing I want to tell you," said Martha. "It don't seem right to take four dollars a week for your board. I never was so happy in my life as I have been since you came. You don't eat hardly a thing, and I haven't had but one white petticoat to wash for you since you have been here."

"And there is one thing I want to tell you," said her friend. "I always go somewhere in the country in the summer, and I never paid less than seven dollars a week for board in my life. I intend to pay as much as that, I assure you. Four dollars a week," she said scornfully. "It is very evident, my dear Martha, that you are taking your first boarder."

Martha sat up straight in her rocking chair; her eyes shone like diamonds, and there was a faint red in her faded cheeks.

"If you stay until September and pay me seven dollars a week," she said, excitedly, "I'll have me a cow. I can keep her as well as not, if I can get her in the first place. I've got a pasture, and I can raise a lot of pumpkins and fodder corn. I know how to milk. I can make butter. Why, I can almost live on her milk," and she burst into a flood of tears and hid her face in her hands.

It seemed as if the poor woman could not talk enough about her cow, and her gratitude to the lady who had proven such a godsend to her.

"I shall have something to love after you are gone," she said, one day. "I got me a cat after mother died; she was real pretty, and I thought so much of her. She used to sleep on the foot of my bed, and I did not feel half so lonesome nights, if I could not sleep, for if I spoke to her, she would purr, and come up and rub herself against me. I thought there never was such a cat; but James's boys used to stone her whenever she went over on their side, and one day she came dragging herself home with a broken leg, and her head was hurt, too. She died before night and I buried her under the lay-lock there. And I missed her; so I got me another; but that one was missing within a week, and one of the boys kept asking me what had become of my cat, and laughing in a hateful way. So I made up my mind I could not have any more pets.

"But they won't dare to hurt a cow, they are too valuable; and I could have the law on them if they did," she added, grimly. "Anybody can do what they have a mind to to cats, poor things!" for Martha had never heard of the society with the long name.

"Let me see," said Marcia, "what kind of a cow will you get—Jersey?"

"I shall get a red and white one," said Martha. "Father used to keep a cow, and that was speckled red and white. I mean to get one just like her if I can. What will James's folks say? I guess they'll think it will be some time before they'll have my house for a parlor."

"It beats all," she said one day, "how little things trouble folks. Now, any great trial like death and such, you can carry to the Lord, and He will help you bear it; but anybody feels so mean to trouble Him about the little things.

"Now, there was mother's gold beads. She always told me I should have them after her. Many a time I've put them on my neck when I was a girl, and wished mother would give them to me then, but she would take them and say I should have them some time.

"And when she died I was almost crazy, and James's wife, she had to see to everything.

"It was a few weeks afterwards, and I saw mother's beads on Maria's neck—that is her oldest girl. I felt dreadfully. I went out to the barn and talked to James about it. He said Maria wanted them as bad as I did, and he didn't know as she would give them up. His wife made a fuss about it and so I did not have them.

"But it was a trial. I never had a piece of jewelry in my life but a cornelian ring. I have got that now, but I have outgrown it."

Now Martha had a birthday that week; and James's wife was astonished, as she was getting breakfast that morning, by seeing her sister's boarder come in. She had in her hand a beautiful gold chain. There was a locket attached, and the rhinestone in it sparkled like a diamond in the morning sun.

"Mrs. Bascom," said the lady. "I want to make a bargain with you. I want you to exchange your daughter's gold beads for this chain; it is fully as valuable and prettier for her.

"You know it is Miss Martha's birthday to-day, and I want to give her a present. I know there is nothing she will prize like her mother's gold beads."

Both the mother and child were delighted with the chain.

"I have always felt mean about those beads," said Mrs. Bascom, "but the girl wanted them so; I am real glad to change. Here let me brighten them up a bit," and she hurried around for a piece of flannel and some whiting.

And so it happened, just after breakfast, as Martha was getting up from the table, Marcia Ames's white arms went lovingly around her neck, and clasped there the precious beads.

The autumn came all too soon, and the friends parted until next summer, Marcia said.

A gentle red and white cow stood by the bars in Martha's pasture, and it was on her glossy neck that Martha left the tears she shed when the stage that bore her friend away, went out of sight.

For Marcia had insisted on the cow becoming a reality before she went away, and had named her at Martha's request. Sultana was a rather high-flown name she had bestowed upon her; and her mistress thought it just the right name, as, indeed, she would have if Marcia had called her Peter Snooks. They had a merry time when they christened the gentle creature, who calmly chewed her cud, and looked at them with her great mild eyes, as she thought to herself, "What fools these mortals be!"

I do not think Martha Bascom ever closed her eyes at night, as long as she lived, without thanking God for the friend she had found—a friend who did not forget her as the years went by.—*McClure's Magazine.*

EGGS BY THE 1,000 DOZEN

Isaac Wilbur of Little Compton, R. I., is credited with having the largest poultry farm in the world. According to Farm Poultry he ships from 130,000 to 150,000 dozens of eggs a year. He keeps his fowls on the colony plan, housing about forty head in a house 8x10 or 8x12 feet in size, these houses being about one hundred and fifty feet apart, set out in long rows over the gently sloping fields. He has one hundred of these houses, scattered over three or four fields. The food is loaded into a low wagon, which is driven about to each house in turn, the attendant feeding as he goes. At the afternoon feeding the eggs are collected The fowls are fed twice a day. The morning feed is a mash of cooked vegetables and mixed meals; this "mash" is made up the afternoon of the day before; the afternoon feed is whole corn the year around.

The houses are of the simplest and cheapest, could be built for twenty dollars apiece, probably. Some of them are of the double pitch roof pattern; but all are alike in being built of the cheapest unmatched lumber and all are innocent of shingles or roofing paper on roof and walls. The average poultryman will naturally incline to the notion that better feeding and housing would give still better returns for the investment.

STORY FOR COIN COLLECTORS.

A gentleman was riding on the outside of a coach in the West, when the driver said to him:—

"I've had a coin guv' me to-day 200 years old. Did you ever see a coin 200 years old?"

"Oh, yes; I have one myself 2000 years old."

"Ah!" said the driver, "have ye?" and he spoke no more during the rest of the journey.

When the coach arrived at its destination the driver turned to the other with an intensely self-satisfied air and said:—

"I told you as I drove along I had a coin 200 years old."

"Yes."

"And you said to me that you had one 2000 years old."

"Yes; so I have."

"That's not true."

What do you mean by that?"

"What do I mean? Why, it's only 1897 now."—*New York Mail and Express.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Mother and Her Boys.

There are Fairfax and Fred, and Arthur and Ned,
Good boys, and remarkably clever;
In studies and sports, and games of all sorts,
To excel is their noble endeavor.
And when pouring o'er books with studious looks,
Despairing of help from a brother,
The eldest of all will not scruple to call
For aid from his bright little mother.
In out-of-door games, every one of them claims
Her presence to strengthen and cheer them,
For the better their luck, and the greater their pluck,
They say if their mother is near them.
With hearty good will and wonderful skill,
She champions one or the other,
And the boys oft declare with a satisfied air,
There's no better playmate than mother.
She joins in their walks, and delightful the talks.
Most sacred and sweet the communion
The mother enjoys, as she strolls with her boys,
So loving and loyal their union.
Their future careers, their hopes and their fears,
They would not reveal to another,
Are confided to her; and the lads all aver
The best of companions is mother.
She shares in their games, and in all of their aims,
Their faults and their follies correcting,
That they may grow wise and secure the best prize,
True culture and courage reflecting.
And if quarrels take place, as at times is the case,
Alas! betwix brother and brother,
She soon sets them right, preventing a fight,
For there's no better umpire than mother.

—*Josephine Pollard in N.Y. Ledger.*

BETH'S MAY BASKETS.

Little Beth came home from school one night looking very sober. The big sister looked up with a smile from the little pink apron that she was making.

"What is it, dear?" she asked, as she saw the grave little face, instead of Beth's usual merry one.

"Well, you see, sister, to-morrow is May basket hanging day, and all the boys and girls at school were telling how many they expected to get. And I don't believe I'll get even a single, tiny one, 'cause we haven't been here only 'bout a month, you see, so nobody knows me well enough to hang me one."

"That's too bad, dear, but never mind; don't fret, and maybe some one will hang you one after all," said sister cheerily. "Now supposing you go and put away your cape and hat, and then hunt me out some buttons to put on your new apron."

When Beth was snugly tucked in bed that night, this sister unfolded her plan to the other big sister and the two brothers, all of whom were out in the cozy dining room, studying their lessons for the morrow. An animated discussion followed, the result of which was the appearance of a box of bright tissue paper, the mucilage bottle and several pairs of scissors.

After an hour's merry labor, one dozen "perferkly bootiful" May baskets stood in a row on the dining table, and four tired workers surveyed the results of their labor with great satisfaction.

Some were filled with paper flowers, while others awaited their filling of real flowers on the morrow's eve. In the bottom of one basket was tucked a tiny gayly dressed penny doll, another received a stick of gum, a third a handful of peanuts from one of the boy's pockets, and still another a pretty paper doll. All of the others were to have a filling of candy and blossoms, to be procured on the morrow.

It was just growing dark the next evening and the three older scholars were in the dining room, supposed to be studying, when a rousing rap sounded at the door of the sitting room, where Beth sat with papa, mamma and big sister.

"Run to the door, Beth," said mamma, who was in the secret.

Beth obeyed, just in time to see a scurrying form run around the corner of the house.

"There's nobody here"—she began. "Oh, it's a May basket!" she cried, as she took something from the knob and carried it carefully into the room.

Beth was kept flying to the door all the evening, sometimes one door, sometimes another, but never once could she find out who it was.

A happier little girl than Beth was when her bed-time came it would be hard to find, for there in a row on the lounge sat, not twelve, but fourteen May baskets! Two of her little playmates had also remembered the little stranger girlie.

And that's the story of how Beth came to have the most May baskets of any child in town that year. But neither she nor any of her little mates know to this day how it was all made to happen. And they never will unless you go and tell!—*Mae Myrtle Cook.*

SALUTING A CAT.

There is at least one place in the world where the cat was until recently held in high honor, and received the attention due to one of so high a station in life. That place is India, where in a fortress the sentries invariably used to present arms to every cat that appeared on the scene.

The custom is accounted for by this singular anecdote, which comes from what appears to be good authority.

Some fifty years ago it happened that a very high English official died in an Indian fortress, at a place that is one of the centers of Brahminic religion, and at the moment when the news of his death met the Sepoy guard at the main gate a black cat rushed out of it.

The superstitious guard presented arms to the cat as a salute to the dying spirit of the powerful Englishman, and the coincidence took a firm hold upon the locality, that up to a few years ago neither exhortation nor orders could prevent a Hindoo sentry at that gate from presenting arms to any cat that passed at night.—*Harper's Round Table.*

CONUNDRUMS.—When are debts like coffee? When they settle themselves by standing.

When is a piece of wood like a monarch? When it is made into a ruler.

When does a defeated ship give her last blow? When she strikes her flag.

Why is the Bank of England like a thrush? Because it often changes its notes.

Why should many hand-organ tunes be considered classical? Because they are the productions of Handel.

What is that which no one wishes to have, yet, when he has it, he would be very sorry to lose? A bald head.

What is the difference between a French pastry-cook and a bill-sticker? One puffs up paste, the other pastes up puffs.

What is the difference between a husbandman and a seamstress? The one gathers what he sows, the other sews what she gathers.

NOT IN THE DICTIONARY.—Teacher—"What word are you looking for, Brown?"

Thad Brown.—"Why, teacher, you wanted to know what a woman would be called who performed a brave act. Now a man who acts bravely is a hero, but I can't find the word for a brave woman."

Teacher.—What is the word?"

Thad.—"Shero; but it's not in this dictionary."—*Harper's Round Table.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 14, 1897.

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Which Might Have Proved a Very Serious Matter

But for Excellent Work by the Fire Department. J. P. Lynde's Block Gets a Scorching.

An alarm from box 68 at 3.45 yesterday morning called the fire department out in a pouring rain to a blaze in J. P. Lynde's business block on Main street. The flames were about two-thirds of the way back in the stove and tin shop of J. H. Haynes, on the side next Holden's block, and when discovered had burned a hole through the side of the building. The narrow space—only about two feet—between the blocks made it difficult for the firemen to get a stream on the seat of the trouble, for the brick wall of Holden's block was pretty hot, but by putting water on it occasionally they managed to stay where they could get a stream into the burned hole. While the fire was kept from spreading very much, it was an hour before the thing was smothered out.

The building is a frame structure, with no fire stops in the walls. The fire evidently started in the wall, at the floor, and had an excellent chimney clear to the roof. That there happened to be no opening near the roof to increase the draft is Mr. Lynde's good fortune, otherwise the building would probably not now be standing. As it was the fire crept up the wall and half way across between the store ceiling and the floor above, besides getting under good headway in the cellar. A half barrel of kerosene stood under where the blaze started, but fortunately did not take fire. Two streams were used, one from the hydrant near the Flynt office, which was played on the seat of the fire, and one from the steamer at the corner of Central and Pleasant streets, which was used at the rear of the block on the second floor.

The rear of this floor was a tenement, and was occupied until Tuesday by Mr. George, one of the proprietors of the Southbridge stage line. Part of it was damaged slightly by fire, and a good deal by smoke. Dr. Bryant's dental office and the law office of Representative Kenefick were on the second floor at the front of the building, but neither were harmed, the smoke not reaching them. On the other side of the ground floor was F. J. Wassum's tailoring establishment, and the damage here was by smoke, several suits in process of manufacture being ruined. They lay on the work benches and were badly discolored by the smoke and heat, which browned the woodwork all over the place. Mr. Haynes's greatest damage is from smoke and water. Quantities of tinware which are as good as new so far as wear is concerned have their outsides discolored more or less by smoke until they look like japanned ware. The stoves in the place are covered with rust, and the paint on the refrigerators is blistered; the sight is a sorry looking one.

The losses and insurance are: J. P. Lynde, on building, $500; insured for $3200 in the Fitch and Hellyar agencies. F. J. Wassum, $300; insured for $1500 in the Morris agency of Monson. J. H. Haynes, $800 on stock and $100 on tools, insured for $1000 on stock and $500 on tools in the Fitch agency.

The cause of the fire can probably be laid to rats and matches. Kerosene in the cellar is thought by some to have been the cause, but a part of a barrel which still remains almost directly under the spot where the fire was hottest, while beside it stands a can of the fluid which got so hot that the solder fastening on the handle hooks commenced to melt, while the oil remains unharmed, will hardly bear out this theory. The evidences are that the fire started between the outside boarding of the wall and the inside sheathing, between two of the floor timbers and on the 8 by 10 inch sill of the building, which is almost burned in two. Here it smouldered until it had eaten a hole through and got ventilation.

WELL KNOWN ENGINEER DEAD.

Isaac Kenerson, for 25 Years Engineer on the Ware River Road.

Isaac Kenerson, 59, a well-known engineer on the Ware River road, died at his home in Barre Plains Sunday. He formerly lived in this town for about a year, and as he was in Palmer nearly every day for 25 years he had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends by whom his death is deeply regretted.

Mr. Kenerson was born in Hollis, Me., May 7, 1838. When 19 years of age he began his career as a railroad man, his first position being that of fireman on the New Bedford and Taunton road. In 1859 he came to Palmer as fireman on the New London Northern railroad, which position he held until the road was leased by the Central Vermont. He next took a position as engineer on the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill road, but after remaining in this position for two years he again returned to Palmer as engineer on the Ware River road, which position he has held for the past 25 years. He lived here for about a year, after which he moved to Barre Plains. A year ago last winter Mr. Kenerson had the misfortune to freeze one of his feet, which soon healed, but naturally remained tender. Last winter it became frozen again, which rendered the amputation of a toe necessary. No serious results were anticipated but gangrene set in, and this, with diabetes, caused his death.

Mr. Kenerson was very popular with the railroad men and was a careful engineer, always holding the trust and confidence of his employers. He was a member of Thomas Lodge of Masons, and of Springfield division, No. 63, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The body was brought here Wednesday afternoon and met at the station by a delegation of Thomas Lodge of Masons and escorted to the Thorndike street cemetery, where interment was made. A quartette composed of H. W. McGregory, E. B. Taylor, C. B. Fiske and G. F. Sedgwick furnished appropriate music. Mr. Kenerson leaves a widow and two sons, Joel B., a fireman, and Walter, a brakeman, both employed on the Boston and Albany. Four brothers, George B. of Palmer, Charles B. of New London, Ct., Willard G. of Kansas City, Mo., and Leonard H. of Springfield survive him.

Lineman Gets an Electric Shock.

People who were on Main street about 3.15 Wednesday afternoon thought they were to witness an electrocution, but happily were disappointed. A gang of men were at work for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. stringing wires on the poles on the south side of the street between Commercial and Central, men being at the top of three poles. Suddenly a man on the pole opposite the Nassowanno House gave utterance to the most blood-curdling shrieks, and in a very few seconds almost every business man on the street was looking for the cause. It was seen that the man had hold of a wire which he was trying to let go, but could not. His companion seized him and tried to pull him away, but without success; he then took his nippers and cut the wire on each side of the victim's hands, at the same time holding him to prevent the possibility of his falling, of which there was no need however, for as soon as the wire was cut the man was all right and at once resumed his work. In drawing a new wire into place it had come in contact in some way with the electric light wires used to light Shea's lunch cart, and gave the man who had hold of it a severe but not dangerous shock. The sensation was no doubt unpleasant, for the man's yells were heard several blocks away.

NO STATE ROAD THIS YEAR.

Towns About Us Favored, But Palmer is Left Out Again.

The apportionment of this year's appropriation for state highways was made known Wednesday, but Palmer does not appear to be in it, although towns all about get a share, Brimfield being fortunate enough to draw a $4000 prize. She gets $4000 for new work, Wilbraham $2000, Warren $5000 for new work and $2050 to complete that begun last year, Ware $3000.

Particularly peculiar seems the allotment to Hampden county, which gets only $17,750, while paying $18,492 tax. Worcester county gets $124,100, and pays $33,075 of the tax. Only $380,000 of the $800,000 is allotted, but $200,000 more is provided for by the clause that such an amount shall be held over until January 1, 1898, as a reserve with which to begin work next spring. This leaves about $215,000 yet to be apportioned.

Just why Palmer is dropped out after the assurances made it, is not known. It has been, and that is all there is to it. When the application was made two years ago the road east from Pearl street in this village,—over which the heavy teaming from Wales and Brimfield and Fosket's Mills comes,—was looked over by the commission, and for three days a tally was kept of the travel over that strip, with the result that Palmer was told that if any town deserved a piece of state road she did; but the season was late and the appropriation was nearly used up, and it was doubtful if anything could be spared that year. In case no money could be had, two miles of road was solemnly promised for the next year,—1896. We didn't get it, and we don't get any now. However, we shall not lose heart, but hope for better luck with the next throw of the dice.

It is probable that the strip to be built in Brimfield will be from the village across the flat toward Palmer.

A Slick Thief Captured.

Edward Guthrie, an employe of Washburn's circus which exhibited here yesterday, was arrested in the afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Northrop for appropriating to his own use several umbrellas belonging to other persons. He was brought before the court this morning and pleaded not guilty. Guthrie looks like a "slick bird." He put up quite an ingenious defense and asked questions with some skill, but the Commonwealth had too strong a case against him. Mrs. Elizabeth Bannister testified that yesterday morning while at a neighbor's house she saw Guthrie go by on Pleasant street with three umbrellas, which she described. She noticed one with an ebony handle which she recognized as belonging to her. In the course of ten minutes she went home and found that her umbrella, which she had left by the door, had disappeared. She was positive that the one in Guthrie's possession was her property. W. J. Keith also saw Guthrie on three different occasions, the first with one umbrella, the second time with two and the third time with three. He saw him go into the post office door with two and return with three, this last one answering the description of one that was stolen from the office, belonging to J. A. Larmay. Guthrie in his defense acknowledged having three umbrellas in his possession, but said that he was carrying them from the car to the performers on the circus ground, as was his duty whenever it stormed. Sometimes, he said, he carried as many as a dozen. The commonwealth then produced witnesses who testified that while in the lockup he told them that he had no umbrellas yesterday. Officer Northrop testified that he told him before the arrest that he had no umbrellas in his possession during the day. Also that the manager of the circus said that he knew Guthrie back in 1885, that he was a thief and had "done time" before. The Judge found him guilty, saying that while only theft had been proven against him, it was almost a certainty that he had committed the others, and that the number of his thefts was only limited by the opportunities he had for thieving, and sentenced him to three months in the house of correction at Springfield.

Washburn's Circus Attached.

An attachment was placed on a part of the effects of Washburn's circus yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Northrop at the instigation of Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, for damages on account of the covering of the bills for the latter's play by the circus men on April 29th. The Sons of Veterans had covered the billboards about town with paper announcing their play for the 28th, 29th and 30th; on the 29th the circus men posted their bills over some of those belonging to the Sons of Veterans, after being told not to do so. Some of the billboards are owned by the opera house, and others by individuals; the latter they secured permission to use, but one belonging to the opera house, on the Feeney building on Central street, they used without permission. The circus people were given an opportunity to settle, but refused, so the attachment was put on, and they finally paid.

While the circus men were unquestionably wrong concerning the opera house board, there is considerable comment about town over the action of the Sons of Veterans, the opinion being that as the billboard was included in their contract with the opera house managers they should have looked to them for redress. Regarding the private boards on which their paper was covered, it would seem as though they had an implied contract for them, inasmuch as they gave tickets in exchange for the use of the boards, the custom being for the owners to refuse their use to others until after the performances advertised on them take place; yet no attempt has been made to get damages from these persons.

Memorial Day Programme.

A meeting of L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., was held in Memorial Hall Wednesday evening, at which arrangements were made for the observance of Memorial Day, which observance will take place on Monday, May 31. A line of march will be formed at Memorial Hall in the morning and repair to the cemeteries at Three Rivers, Four Corners, Thorndike and this village, where the graves of the fallen heroes will be decked with garlands. The procession will then return to the hall, where exercises will be held in the afternoon, to which the public is cordially invited. Past State Department Commander W. P. Derby of Springfield will deliver the address. The invitation received some time ago from the Bondsville M. E. church to attend a memorial service at 5 p. m. on Sunday, May 30th, was accepted. An invitation was also received from the Baptist church of Three Rivers to attend service in that church, but was not accepted owing to its being preceded by the former invitation. The Columbian Band of Thorndike has been engaged to furnish music for Memorial Day.

Woman Knocked Down by a Team.

Mrs. Coe, an elderly lady living on South Main street, was knocked down Tuesday afternoon by a pair of horses in charge of R. H. Smith, a salesman for a cigar manufacturer. The turnout is used for advertising purposes, and consists of a two-seated vehicle and a pair of fine horses with a driver. The combination had been to Monson, and on the return trip, when near Dublin street, while the driver was turning round talking with Smith, struck Mrs. Coe, she being deaf and not hearing the chime of bells on the horses. Mr. Smith at once secured a physician and went to learn the extent of Mrs. Coe's injuries, which proved to be a gash on the chin which required two stitches to close, a cut on one ear and a black eye, besides a bruised side caused by the wheels passing over her. She was not seriously hurt and expressed herself as blaming no one, but later the team was attached in an action for damages. It was released later however on a statement as to who was the owner and his financial responsibility.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

Look in my window and see my line of leather belts, and note the prices. G. A. Moore, Jeweler.

If you want a low price Bicycle, see the HARTFORD, price $32.50. F. D. Barton, Palmer, agent.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

George W. Ely has been appointed a justice of the peace.

Mrs. Warren of Hampden is painting her house on Maple street.

Calvin Hastings visited friends in Providence, R. I., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Scott French visited relatives in Holyoke Sunday.

Miss Lena Hobbs of Monson spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. O. W. Marcy.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The best life."

Percy Cady of Windsor, Vt., has taken a position as clerk in the store of W. E. Stone.

Mrs. George Wilbur was called to Brockton this week to attend the funeral of a niece.

Jeweler G. A. Moore has a new line of leather belts which he is selling at low prices.

Miss Hattie Coleman is visiting in Holyoke, where she was invited to give a reading.

Mrs. Olmstead and Mrs. Andrews of New Haven, Ct, are guests of Mrs. Emily Holdsworth.

Quite a number attended the "Old Homestead" given in Monson Tuesday evening by parties from Stafford.

King Brothers have the contract to build the cellar for a new house to be built in Monson by C. A. Bradway.

Miss Ethel Caryl gave a party to a number of her young friends this afternoon at her home on Main street.

Truman Griswold, who has been confined to the house for about a week with trouble with his knee, is out again.

A number of the members of the Massasoit Bicycle Club of Springfield passed through here Sunday on a run to Monson.

The Y. P. C. U. of St. Paul's church will give a salad supper in the church vestry next Tuesday evening. An entertainment will follow.

E C. Bullington has been laid up with measles a part of the week. C. A. Royce has been filling his position on Truesdell & Brown's order wagon.

Rev. F. W. Betts of Syracuse, N. Y, a former pastor of the Universalist church, called on friends here Monday while on his way to New London, Ct.

J. H. Woolrich has sold his farm known as "Willoughby Pastures" to J. H Wesson of Springfield, who will occupy it with his family as a summer home.

Our baseball column, with notes of interest and a full account of the Palmer high school and Wesleyan Academy game, will be found on the fourth page.

Mrs. Mary E. Goldsmith, 64, died of consumption at her home on Thorndike street Tuesday. The body was taken to her former home in South Walpole for burial. She leaves a husband.

A much-needed rain fell in quite large quantities Wednesday and Thursday, which was eagerly drank in by the dry earth and will prove indeed a "shower of blessing" to foliage and all garden crops.

The class of '99 at the Palmer high school has elected these class officers: President, Franklin Dillon; vice president, Miss Ada J. Murdock; secretary, Miss May Wilder; treasurer, Clifton H. Hobson.

The measles which for the past two months have seemed quite taken with the children, have apparently deserted them and are paying their attention to the older persons, quite a number being ill at present.

Thomas Dwyer is moving into Mrs. Lawrence's tenement on Walnut street, made vacant by the removal of Representative Kenefick and family to W. A. Fitzpatrick's tenement on Pleasant street

The old pile bridge on the New London Northern railroad crossing the Monson brook near Fay's, where recently several attempts were made to wreck trains, is being replaced with a new wooden trestle.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogue are visiting friends in New Britain, Ct. Mrs. Bogue attended the wedding of Judge H. O. Bowers, formerly a noted pitcher of the Yale team, at West Hartford, Wednesday.

Engine No. 207 of the Ware River road, which for many years has made its runs under the guidance of the late Isaac Kenerson, has been draped in mourning this week out of respect to the memory of its dead driver.

Walter George has moved from Lynde's tenement to Brimfield. Mr. George is extremely fortunate in moving when he did, otherwise his household furniture might have been seriously damaged by Thursday morning's fire.

The Young Men's Bible Class gave a social in the Baptist church vestry Tuesday evening. Strawberries and ice cream were served, and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended. The class is planning to have a bicycle run on Memorial Day.

C. E. Fuller has a cow which has been giving a remarkably large quantity of milk recently. In two days last week she gave 95½ pounds of milk, and averages about 45 pounds a day. Nine and three-fourths pounds of butter were made from the milk she gave in 7 days.

Forest Lake will be opened to the public to-morrow. All the accommodations on the grounds have been put in condition, and the row boats repaired and made ready for use. Rufus Flynt and Lawyer Fitch have been overhauling their sailboats, getting them in condition for the coming season.

Several persons walking on the track of the Boston and Albany over the Commercial street bridge Thursday afternoon were unmindful of the approach of the 3.45 train from the west until it gave a shrieking whistle close behind them. They jumped quickly aside with not many seconds to spare.

The Palmer high school team will try conclusions with the Warren high school team on the Driving Park in Palmer to-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Admission 10 cents. A good game is assured, and as the work of the high school thus far this season has been deserving of generous support, a good crowd should attend.

The Chicago daily express, passing through here at 4.17 p. m , was delayed at the station Monday about 15 minutes by a hot box. The hot box was not discovered until it had reached the bridge above the signal tower, and the train was forced to back to the station, leading many to think that some accident had happened.

It is expected that work on the macadam road which the town has voted to build will be commenced about July 1st, as the farmers will then be through their planting and will have more time to haul the stone which it is intended to use, to the crusher. It is expected that about 4000 feet can be built with the appropriation.

An appeal has been filed from the decree of the probate court allowing the will of Ann Conroy, late of Palmer, by Thomas Conroy, one of the heirs, who alleges that undue influence was exerted upon the testatrix, that she was not of sound mind when the will was drawn, and that the will was not properly and duely executed.

The heavy rain of yesterday found its way through the skylight in the center of Bodfish's store, and actually ran rivers over the counters and floor. Tubs and pails were used for a time to carry off the water, but it looked as though a ferry boat would be needed for customers. Fortunately the trouble was discovered in time and most of the goods moved before being damaged.

Numerous men about town received last week a letter from a liquor manufacturer stating that they had been sent, through their druggist, a jug of whisky which the firm would be pleased to have them try. Visions of "hot times in the old town tonight" rose up before them, and the arrival of the jugs were anxiously awaited. They came, and were true-enough jugs, just as stated, but they held only about half a jill, just enough for a "taste."

J. W. Weeks of Springfield, who for the past several years has had the contract from the government to carry the mail from the station to the post office, has given it up. The removal of the post office to Holden's block brought it within the distance from the station in which the railroad is compelled to provide for the carrying of the mail, the contract for which has been let to Daniel Collity, who has carried the mail for a number of years for Mr. Weeks.

Dr. Elizabeth Gable, who will be remembered by Palmer people as at one time resident physician at the state primary school, has recently died of consumption at Stewartson, Pa. Dr. Gable was a graduate of the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia in 1890. She left her position at the state primary school and in 1894 accepted one as physician-in-chief of the woman's department of the Philadelphia Hospital. For a time Dr. Gable had an office in the residence now owned by G. S. Holden on Central street.

A session of the probate court was held in the district court room Wednesday, at which the following business was transacted: Wills allowed in the estates of—Bridget Welsh, late of Wales, Peter Welsh executor; George L. Webber, late of Holland, Sarah L. Webber, executrix. Administration granted in estates of Ellory M. Richards, late of Springfield, F. T. Richards and C. E. Bolton administrators; Frances M. Fiske, late of Palmer, C. B. Fiske administrator.

Business at the district court has been fairly brisk this week. On Saturday Thomas W. Thornton paid $10 for drunkenness. John W. Paul and Charles O'Connor yielded up $5 each on Monday, while Peter Hines was sent up for two months. The case of M. D. Page of Three Rivers for illegal liquor keeping was called on Tuesday and continued until Saturday of next week. On Wednesday Martin Leary paid $5 for drunkenness, and Martin Dorset of Monson, charged with disturbing a school, had his case continued until next Monday.

Everett W. Carpenter, the well-known newspaper correspondent, and Miss Bertha B. Borden of Palmer, were united in marriage Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. G. Petrie at his residence, only a few intimate friends being present. After the ceremony the wedding party was entertained at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Walter Shaw, on Pine street. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter left on a trip to New York. On their return they will begin housekeeping in Lawyer Leach's residence on Church street.

About 20 wheelmen interested in a road race met at the bicycle store of E. D. Tufts Tuesday evening to talk over the matter. It was unanimously voted to try and have a race about the middle of June, and a committee consisting of W. F. Waite, E. D. Tufts, Frank J. Roche, J. H. Shaw, and G. B. Hayes was appointed to investigate the matter and report at another meeting next Tuesday evening. The committee has full power to act, and if it does not find encouragement enough will decide not to have a race. The general feeling seemed to be to confine the entries to riders in Palmer, Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville, and it was stated that if this was done at least ten entries could be assured.

Washburn's circus gave two exhibitions—they could hardly have been called performances—on the Thorndike street lot yesterday. The weather was about the worst that could be imagined; the rain poured in torrents all day, and the attendance would hardly have made a corporal's guard either afternoon or evening. The large menagerie advertised must have been laid up somewhere for repairs, the three large rings had shrunk under the effect of the moisture or something else to two small ones, and the "show" was decidedly ragged, that in the evening lasting barely an hour. Here the management made a mistake. True, the canvas was wet and the atmosphere and attendance enough to dispirit all hands, but those who paid their money did so with the expectation of seeing a circus performance, and had a right to see one. But the programme was plainly cut severely, and the performers who were sent on did their "turns" in a lackadaisical manner which never should have been allowed. Had a good performance been given it would have made a reputation for the managers which would have been worth hundreds of dollars the next time they come here, but exactly the reverse will be the result of yesterday's fiasco.

THREE RIVERS.

Rev. Alexander Blackburn has cancelled the date of his lecture, which was announced for the 25th at the Baptist church. An effort is being made to secure another lecturer for that date.

H. D. Geer reports that he has made the largest number of sales of his horse radish this season of any since he has been in the manufacture of that article, having sold 34,000 bottles.

It is expected that Rev. R. E. Smith of the M. E. church of Bondsville will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning in exchange with E. A. Thomas. Evening service as usual at 7.

THORNDIKE.

Miss Hattie McFarlane is out with a new wheel.

Miss Minnie Murphy is enjoying a vacation with friends in Palmer.

Charles Murray will soon move with his family to Jewett City, Ct.

Miss Maggie Hartnett of Springfield spent Sunday with her parents in town.

P. Connor of Cohoes, N. Y., formerly of this place, is in town visiting acquaintances.

John F. Luman has been appointed a deputy fish and game commissioner by the state board.

Miss Maude Murdock returned Tuesday afternoon after spending Sunday with friends in Worcester.

James D. McFarlane, who has been employed as overseer in the beaming and spooling department at No. 2 mill, has resigned his position.

The Columbian Band has been secured to furnish music for the Grand Army post on Memorial Day.

The Gates brook in Palmer Center has been stocked with about 10,000 trout the past week by Mr. Gates. The trout were furnished by Mr. Aldrich of Worcester.

Narrow Escape.

Maurice Lawler, Jr., had an experience on Tuesday forenoon which no doubt he does not care to repeat. He was driving down the hill towards the railroad crossing in his milk wagon, and was not aware of the approach of the 10.35 train from Ware, but just as he was nearing the crossing he saw the train, and knowing that it was impossible to cross, he stopped the horse only just in time to let the train fly by, almost striking the horse's head. Several were eye-witnesses of the affair, and all say that it was a miraculous escape from a serious accident. Since the Exchange Block has been moved to the corner it makes it impossible to see the cars until they are almost upon the crossing.

100 Looms to Stop.

Orders were received Tuesday to the effect that 100 looms are to be stopped for an indefinite period at the No. 2 mill. The help are to work until the warps are run out, which will be about two weeks. The cause of this move is an over-production of light-weight goods, on which these looms have been running. Business at the No. 1 mill is booming at present, and the mill is running full time.

BONDSVILLE.

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lamb.

The Loyal Legion held an open meeting last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Whiting & Ramsden have purchased a fine new pair of horses for team work.

Two persons were received into full membership of the Methodist church Sunday.

Michael Fenton has moved into the house formerly occupied by Richard Bashand, across the river.

Mrs. Golden and daughter of West Ware spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Sharratt.

Several local baseball sports went to Springfield Saturday to see the game between the Springfields and Rochesters.

Miss Ora Parent of Smith College was home over Sunday. Merris Landers of the Mass. Agricultural College was also home.

S. A. Billings of Westfield, a former resident of this place, was in the village and called on a number of his old friends this week.

Rev. R. E. Smith will exchange pulpits next Sunday with Rev. E. A. Thomas of Three Rivers, providing the weather is favorable.

The Boston Duck Company has put in a new sewer, beginning near the residence of the agent and entering the river opposite the post office.

Alfred Maynard, one of the carpenters who left the employ of the Boston Duck Company a few weeks ago, has secured work in Indian Orchard.

Charley Connor, the popular little ball player, left Monday to join the Bangor team of the Maine State League. He has the best wishes of many friends.

H. A. Stevens, master mechanic for the Boston Duck Co., has resigned his position and left the employ of the company Tuesday. It is not known who will be his successor.

Mrs. Bullock, national organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will lecture in the M. E. church this evening at 7.30, under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. Everyone is invited.

Rev. William Ryan, who has been assisting Rev. B. McKeany during the latter's illness, finished his work here Sunday and returned to Holyoke Monday morning. During the few months Father Ryan has been here he has made many friends who will be sorry to have him leave.

It would seem as though it was about time that work was commenced on the new sidewalks which were voted for by the town this spring There does not seem to be any reason why they cannot be made now, so that people could have some benefit from them this summer. Some attention should also be paid to the main sidewalk of the village, running from O. A. Parent's store north. The dirt has been washed away until it is lower in the center than the curb, and stones stick up out of the ground in such a way that people have to be very careful how they travel. A few loads of good dirt put on in good shape would be a vast improvement.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 12th, by Rev. O. G. Petrie, Everett W. Carpenter and Bertha B. Borden. No cards.

At Monson, 11th, by Rev. F. S. Hatch, Eugene R. Cook and Mary E. Anderson.

DIED.

At Palmer, 11th, Mrs. Mary E. Goldsmith, 64.

At Barre Plains, 9th, Isaac Kenerson, 59.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Merrill Prescott, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, to the Ware Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law at Ware, in the County of Hampshire, and said Commonwealth, said deed being dated April 6, A. D. 1892, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, book 489, page 114, for breach of the condition thereof and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, the said Ware Savings Bank will sell at public auction, near the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the twelfth day of June, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, the description therein being as follows:

A certain parcel of real estate situated in said Palmer and bounded as follows: On the easterly side by the over Hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware, and for a full and accurate description reference is hereby made to the deed of Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff, dated July 19th, 1887, and recorded with Hampden County deeds, book 433, page 532, being same premises conveyed by said deed. And the description in said deed from Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff is as follows:

A certain tract of land situated in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point on the westerly side of the over hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware where the westerly line of said road is intersected by the southerly line of land of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Co., being the northeasterly corner of the land to be conveyed, thence westerly on the southerly line of said Railroad Co's. land about 75 rods to the southerly line of land of Luther Collis (formerly of Cyrus K. Tayler) thence westerly on said Collis land about 30 rods to a corner, thence southerly on land of John B. Carmody (formerly of Cyrus K. Tayler) from a stake and stones to a stake and stones on northerly line of land of Maurice Lawlor, then easterly on said Lawlor's line to said road, thence northerly on line of said road to the place of beginning, containing about 45 acres with the buildings thereon. Sale will be made subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments, if any.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

WARE SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.
By GEORGE D. STORRS, Attorney.

Ware, Mass., May 11, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Cornelius Healy, late of Palmer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Maurice Healy and Hannah Healey both of said Palmer, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the second day of June, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATF.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by David C. Jones of Ludlow, Mass., to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Palmer, Mass., dated March 26th, 1885, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 414, folio 327, will be sold at public auction at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the fifth day of June, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—

A certain tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said tract on land formerly of Isaac Brewer, on the highway; thence running easterly on said Brewer land about 12 rods to stone wall; thence north on said wall and land formerly of said Brewer to land formerly of Pliny Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Austin Collins; thence southerly on said Collins land to land now or formerly of Leonard Miller, thence westerly on said Miller land to a stone wall; thence southerly on said wall to the corner of the wall; thence westerly on said Miller land to the highway; thence north on said highway to the place of beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon. This tract is subject to all rights Roderick Collins, his heirs or assigns may have of maintaining an aqueduct and taking water from a spring on the premises.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at northwest corner of tract above described and running easterly on the same 41½ rods to a stake and stones and land now or formerly of G. D. Green; thence northerly on said Green land 87½ rods to a stake and stones; thence westerly on land now or formerly of David Brewer and land formerly of Michael Eagen 67½ rods to place of beginning, containing 17½ acres, more or less.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded westerly by the highway leading from Ludlow Center to Wilbraham; northerly by land formerly of Michael Eagen and easterly and southerly by the tract above described.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northeast corner and at land now or formerly of Lucy Keith; thence westerly on land of said Keith to highway and across highway and northerly to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence westerly on said Brewer to said Keith land; thence southerly on said Keith land to said Brewer land; thence easterly and southerly on said Brewer land to land formerly of Michael Eagen; thence southerly on said Eagen land to land of said Jones above described; thence northerly and easterly on said Jones land and land of said Green to land of said Keith; thence southerly on said Keith land to the first mentioned bound, containing about 70 acres.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Michael Eagen, Patrick Sullivan and Isaac Brewer, and running westerly on said Brewer land to stake and stones; thence southerly and westerly to land now or formerly of Edw. C. Fuller; thence southerly on said Fuller land to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Stephen J. Miller; thence northerly and easterly on said Miller land to land now or formerly of Patrick Sullivan; thence northerly on land of said Sullivan to the first mentioned bound, containing about 36 acres.

Also another tract of land situated in said Ludlow on the south side of highway leading from Collins Depot to Holyoke, and on land now or formerly of Edw. E. Fuller and running westerly on said Fuller land and land of one Green to a stake and stones; thence southerly on land formerly of L. H. Brigham or the Ludlow Mills Company; thence easterly on said Brigham or Ludlow Mills Company's land to highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, containing about 30 acres.

Excepting from the above two tracts of land as follows: The first situate on the easterly side of the highway leading from Collins Depot to Ludlow Center and beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Lucy Whiting and running easterly about 25½ rods to stone wall; thence southerly on line of said wall about 21½ rods to stone wall; thence westerly on said wall to the highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, with buildings thereon; being premises now or formerly of Michael Eagen.

The second tract is situate on the easterly side of highway leading from North Wilbraham to Ludlow Center, at a stone set in the ground; thence easterly about 12½ rods to a stone set in the ground, at stone wall; thence northerly to southeast corner of land of Michael Eagen's heirs, thence westerly on land of said Eagen's heirs about 20 rods to said highway; thence southerly on said highway about 34 rods to place of beginning, containing about 4 acres.

That portion of the fourth, fifth, and sixth tracts of land, not included in either of exceptions above described is subject to a previous mortgage of about $750 now supposed to be held by Amarilla C. Brewer and Lucy J. King, the exact amount of which will be stated at time of sale. The sale will also be made subject to the taxes due for the current year.

$300 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVING BANK, Mortgagee.
By W. W. LEACH, its Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., May 12, 1897. 7-3

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Tells P. Bousquet to George F. Wilson, dated October 19, 1896, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, book 547, page 154, will be sold at public auction for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on the premises hereinafter described, on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1897, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:

A certain tract of land situate in Thorndike village in Palmer, Hampden County and state of Massachusetts, and bounded: Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the southerly bank or side of the road leading from said Thorndike village by the house of the late Jacob Stever, being the northeasterly corner bounded by land formerly of the late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 28° west on line of said road or highway ninety (90) feet to a stone set in the ground; thence south 60° west to a stone set in the ground on the Thorndike Company's line; thence south 52¼° east on said Thorndike Company's line ninety (90) feet to the line of land formerly of the said late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 60° east on said Hendricks's line to the first mentioned bound.

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The buildings on said land consist substantially of a two-story frame house of four convenient tenements, and appurtenances thereto, and known as the Wilson house.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments.

For further particulars inquire of Homer C. Strong, Palmer, Mass.

$600 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale; one-half the balance in six months from the time of sale, and one-half the balance in one year from the time of sale.

GEORGE F. WILSON, present holder of said mortgage.

7-3 By HOMER C. STRONG, his Attorney.

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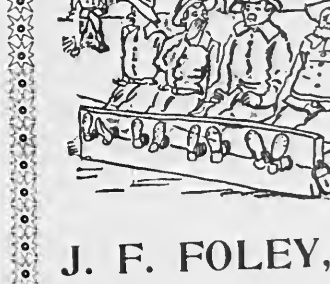

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 14, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

SCHOLARS FLOURISH KNIVES.

Two Members of the No. 2 School Indulge in "Wild West" Propensities.

The children who attend the district No. 2 school have recently on several occasions been given quite a scare by two of their schoolmates. As a result the father of these two offenders has been arrested, charged with disturbing a school. Martin Dorsett, well known in Monson, has two boys, Edward and Myron, who are twins. They came to school with some sharp knives in their possession, which they flourished in a very careless manner and delighted in chasing scholars about the yard, greatly terrifying them. Complaint was made to the teacher, Miss Mabel Tucker, who took the knives away. When Mr. Dorsett heard of this he immediately presented his two youthful "savages" with a new supply of knives. While no actual cutting was done, it is quite an unpleasant thing to have knives flourished in a careless manner about one's person, and as such "carryin's on" were altogether out of place in a school, the committee was notified. They held a consultation with Mr. Dorsett, but no good results were obtained. Then the superintendent of schools, Miss Clara Woods, notified Agent Bullock of the Children's Aid Society, and he has looked up the case, with the above-stated result. The case came up in the district court in Palmer Tuesday, but was continued until next Monday to allow Miss Tucker, who is ill, to be present and testify. Agent Bullock states that the home of the Dorsetts is not fit for the children to live in, and will ask that Edward and Myron, with two other children, be placed in the care of the society. The society has been obliged to take care of the children of the Dorsetts before.

Anderson—Cooke.

A pretty wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Parley Anderson on Fountain street, when their daughter, Mary E., was united in marriage to Eugene R. Cooke, Rev. F. S. Hatch performing the ceremony with a ring. Miss Idella Anderson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and L. W. Scott of Franklin was best man. They were also attended by Raymond Wise of Franklin, nephew of the groom, and Miss Martha Anderson, a sister of the bride. The bride was beautifully attired in a gown of white organdie and wore a veil. The bridesmaid wore white organdie over blue. The house and room were prettily decorated with apple blossoms and potted plants. After the ceremony a short reception was given to the relatives and friends, after which the bridal couple left for Boston on their wedding trip. On their return they will reside in E. J. Foskit's house on North Main street, and will be at home to their friends after June 15th. They received many handsome and costly gifts. Among those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Leonard, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard of Rockville, Ct., Mrs. L. A. Cooke, Mrs. L. W. Wise and children of North Attleboro, Miss Culver of Great Barrington, Miss Fuller and Mrs. George King of Springfield.

Charlie Grout is sick with the measles.

Ralph Blackford is ill with the measles.

Harry Cady is visiting his brother, F. E. Cady.

Henry Wentworth is visiting in Skowhegan, Maine.

D. Healy has severed his connection with John Curley.

Postmaster Herlihy spent Sunday with friends at Chicopee Falls.

Misses Alice and Louise Morris are visiting friends in Springfield.

Miss Mabel Tucker has been ill at her home on the Quarry road.

Miss Hewitt of Stafford Springs has been visiting at George C. Flynt's.

Miss Fanny E. Perkins is visiting at R. L. Williams's in South Monson.

Mrs. W. L. Noble of Pittsfield is visiting at Miner Noble's on Green street.

Miss Edith L. Severy of Springfield spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. George M. Severy.

Flynt's Park has been engaged by Rev. Thos. O'Keefe for the annual Catholic picnic July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kenerson of Springfield spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. E. Cady, on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. King of Springfield, formerly of this place, are spending a few days with friends in town.

Harry Miller, employed at C. F. Orcutt's steam laundry, had one of his arms badly burned one day this week.

Mrs. W. S. Best of Boston and Miss Maud Squier of Bloomington, Ill., are visiting at Horace Squier's on Washington street.

Miss Lizzie Stout and Miss Viola McCollum left this morning for their homes in Maine, where they will remain through the summer.

The Monson Cornet Band has been engaged to escort the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans to the cemetery and return on Memorial Day.

"The attractions of the Roman Catholic church to educated people" will be the subject of the sermon at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. B. Sprewenberg, who has been spending a week with her sisters, Mrs. Alfred Wallace and Mrs. George W. Seymour, returned Wednesday to her home in Meriden.

The heavy rain yesterday did not prevent a large number from attending Washburn's circus at Palmer. Ralph Clifford run a 'bus to accommodate those who wished to attend in the evening.

The musical service at the Congregational church last Sunday evening was different from anything given in town heretofore. It was attractive, however, and similar services will be held for a few weeks on Sunday evenings.

A fire was discovered in the boarding house at the quarry Wednesday night about nine o'clock, but owing to the prompt response of the boarders and those near by it was quickly extinguished, doing little damage. It was caused by a lamp exploding.

The following is the programme at the Linophillian meeting this evening: Reading, Ralph Morris; news items, William Flynt; debate, "Resolved, that immigration should be further restricted by law," affirmative G. F. Thacker, negative George W. Derrick.

The Mount Ella lodge, Ancient Order of United Workman, held a smoke talk at their rooms last evening. Nathan Casy of Chicopee, Grand Overseer over this jurisdiction, was present and gave a very interesting talk on the benefit and work of the order, after which refreshments was served, the remainder of the evening passing in a social way.

"The Old Homestead," which was presented at Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, drew a full house. For an amateur company the actors were well fitted for their parts, and the entertainment gave universal satisfaction. Dr. F. L. Smith took the part of "Josh Whitcomb" to perfection. After the entertainment a social dance was given, with music by Brown's orchestra.

Miss Elvie Burnett, who so successfully entertained Monson people when she was here with the Tremont Quartette last winter, has been secured by the Academy Athletic Association and will, with the assistance of the Monson Orchestra, give an entertainment in Memorial Hall May 21. Too much cannot be said of Miss Burnett, for her graceful and easy manner of reading win the favor of all who hear her. Reserved seats go on sale at Keeney's drug store at six p. m. next Monday.

At an adjourned meeting of the Sunday school of the Universalist church last Sunday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Superintendent, William L. Ricketts; assistant, C. G. King; secretary, Howard Buffington; treasurer, G. H. Seymour; librarian, Harry Bradway; pianist, Miss Lena Babbitt; chorister, Mrs. Lillian L. Chapin. These committees were appointed for concerts: Recitations, Mrs. Charles Buffington; music, Mrs. Lillian L. Chapin; decorating, Miss Ethel Rood. The treasurer's report showed the school to be in good condition.

At a business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church last Sunday night officers were elected as follows: President, Myron Blanchard; vice president, W. S. T. Fitz; secretary, Miss Maud Aldrich; corresponding secretary, Miss Louise Morris; treasurer, Alva M. Walker; superintendent of junior department, Miss Mabel Anderson; assistant, Mrs. Fred T. Smith; lookout committee, Miss Mabel Anderson, Myron Blanchard, Charles C. Keep; prayer meeting, A. M. Walker, Jay Gould, Miss Flora Markham; social, W. S. T. Fitz, Louise Morris, Luke Closson; calling, Miss Esther R. Holmes, Miss Maud Aldrich, Miss Florence Bughee; music, Miss Helen M. Pease, W. E. Manchester, Miss May Phillips; missionary, Charles P. Dow, Fred D. Rogers, Mrs. Fred Smith; flower, Miss M. Esther Keep, Miss Louise Morris, Miss Carrol W. Hatch.

BRIMFIELD.

Walter George and family, formerly of Palmer, have moved into the Bacon house in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown of Maynard are expected in town this week. They will be guests of Mrs. H. F. Brown.

Miss Lena Webber, who has been the guest of her father the past three weeks, left last Tuesday to visit friends in Palmer.

Miss C. A. Wood, supervisor of schools, conducted a teachers' meeting in the Center schoolhouse Saturday afternoon. The topic of discussion was "Geography."

HAMPDEN.

The assessors have finished their valuations, which are about the same as last year.

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lalley of Deerfield have been visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. Gideon Day and daughter, who have been visiting in Kingston, Ont., during the past winter, have returned.

H. A. Kimball of Providence has equipped his woolen mill plant with a new improvement in the shape of an electric clock, which is placed in the office. The watchman on his rounds in the mill presses a button and and the record of his visit in each room is made in the office.

LUDLOW.

The annual meeting of the Athletic Association was held in its rooms in the new mill Wednesday evening. These officers were elected: President, Robert Kyle; vice presidents, C. W. Dodge, W. H. Tipping; treasurer, James Patterson; secretary, George Ellinstone, Sr.; directors, James Henderson, Richard Tipping, Nelson Wrightington, George A. Birnie, Henry Burke and George S. Ferguson. The club is in a prosperous condition, all bills being paid, with a balance of $118 in the treasury. The association supports a cricket club, an association and a Rugby football team, and has a first-class gymnasium, a reading room and bowling alleys. The association was organized in 1896 and is for the benefit of the laboring men employed in town.

WALES.

Miss Maud Squier of Jerseyville, Ill., visited her cousins, Mrs. H. A. McFarland and Miss Carrie Houghton, Tuesday.

The Ministers' Association held its annual conference in the Baptist church the first of this week. Rev. Mr. Eston of Westfield preached Monday evening. Although it was rainy a goodly number came and listened to a very interesting sermon founded on the life of Daniel. Tuesday evening Rev. Mr. Quick of Springfield preached on "What then shall I do with Jesus?" A large audience listened with great interest, it being a very impressive sermon. On Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Stoddard of Chicopee Falls preached on "The unbelief of the children of Israel which kept them from the Promised Land." This was the last sermon of the series, although not the least, being very instructing and interesting. The choir furnished suitable music on each of the evenings. Of the meeting during the day on Tuesday nothing can be said, as reporters were not allowed to attend, but judging from the appearance of the dinner tables, an elaborate turkey dinner being served by the ladies, the Reverends had done something to get up a good appetite.

BELCHERTOWN.

Lyman Harvey, who is suffering from paralysis, is failing in health quite rapidly.

Miss Hattie Alden, who is engaged in evangelistic work in Canada, has been called home by the serious illness of her aunt, Miss Sarah Alden.

A special meeting of the board of trustees of Clapp Memorial Library was held Friday, at which resolutions as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman, late vice president of the library, were adopted.

Special services will be held Sunday at the several churches by students of the Springfield Training School. There will be a men's rally in the town hall at 4. p. m., a union meeting in the Congregational church at 7.15.

These jurors have been drawn for the June term of court: United States circuit grand jury, Frank W. Fellows, Amos L. White, Roswell Allen; petit jury, R. K. Shumway, Henry A. Paine, David Ward, Daniel P. Spencer, W. F. Carter.

Store Burglarized.

W. L. Sanford's store near the depot was broken into Saturday evening, entrance being gained through a window. A quantity of provisions and a pair of shoes were taken. The money drawer was found some distance from the store, where it had evidently been examined and found to be empty. Mr. Sanford and family live over the store, but none of them were awakened. It is thought to have been the work of tramps.

Runaway Accident.

Mrs. Myron G. Ward and Mrs. Talquet Ward of this town met with a serious runaway accident Tuesday while driving a short distance from Ware. The horse became frightened and jumped over a barb wire fence, taking the carriage with him. Mrs. Talquet Ward was thrown against the fence and received a cut upon her forehead from one of the barbs, and was badly bruised. Mrs. Myron Ward was dragged some distance in the carriage until the horse freed himself by running against a tree. Although both women were badly bruised, no bones were broken.

WEST WARREN.

Robert Armond has returned from New York.

Mrs. Robert Chapman is low with consumption.

Miss Kate Brosnan is able to attend to her school duties again.

The Warren Cotton Mills barn is being moved to its new foundation.

Mrs. William Merritt of Amherst spent a few days with friends in town last week.

Mrs. Robert Carey and son of Cambridge are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Sleepers and rails for the electric road have reached town, and people are looking for the workmen.

A supper and social were held in the new dining room of the Methodist church last week, at which $30 was made.

One room in the South street school building is closed for the need of pupils. The teacher, Miss Clara Bestic, is teaching in Warren, No 3.

Masters Willie and Leon Ham, who have been spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs John J. Shaw, returned to their home in Springfield last Saturday.

Trouble for the Cooperative Association.

As a result of the shutting down of the West Warren mills, the Co-operative Association is threatened with financial difficulties. Many of the smaller stockholders began to call for the amount of their stock as soon as the order to shut down the mills was received. The treasurer soon found it necessary to refuse them money. So they began to trade it out. Consequently a run was made on the store which was so great that on Saturday evening the directors gave notice that all sales must be paid for in cash. Many of the stockholders wish to leave the village and find it quite an inconvenience to have their money in a place where they can not obtain it when needed. The only way in which they can now obtain it is by selling their stock greatly below par.

WILBRAHAM.

Dr. H. G. Webber is reshingling his house on Main street.

Dr. C. S. Schofield of Sutton, P. Q., has been spending a few days in town.

The class of '95 of the Academy will have its first reunion in commencement week in June.

Ex-Postmaster C. M. Pease has exchanged his place on the Springfield road for the Isaac Brewer farm in Ludlow.

The Young People's Agricultural Club will hold its monthly meeting with George Chapin of Hampden this evening.

Deputy Frank Sabin of Amherst inspected the Grange at its regular meeting Wednesday evening, after which refreshments were served.

The scholars of Miss Spiller's school in district No. 1 held a picnic Saturday on the grounds of Morrison Blodgett. A very enjoyable time was had.

Mrs. W. L. Phelps has resigned the position of superintendent of the First Congregational Sunday school, owing to ill-health. Ethelbert Bliss has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

The town voted at its annual meeting in April to expend $75 in the observance of Memorial Day, and the veteran's organization has re-elected Chauncey E. Peck as secretary and treasurer, and Elias S. Keyes marshal of the day. Committees have been chosen to secure a speaker and music for the occasion, and to decorate the graves in the outlying cemeteries.

The senior class of the Academy will attend morning service at the Congregational church in a body next Sabbath by invitation of the pastor, Rev. M. S. Howard, who will deliver a sermon appropriate to the occasion. This is something of an innovation, the only Sabbath exercise heretofore thus attended being that on the Sunday before commencement, when the principal preaches the baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist church. Wednesday afternoon the class planted the class tree on the campus near the Memorial church. The tree was gaily decorated with the class '97 and Academy colors, and the following programme was carried out: "The Campus," Miss Gertrude Chase; address, Principal W. R. Newhall; "Our Class," John H. Putnam; planting of the tree; tree song by class '97; planting of the class ivy. The committee of arrangements was composed of Miss Marion Bartlett, John M. Milne, Albert W. Haigh. The officers of the class: President, Roy E. Clark; vice president, Miss Fannie L. Treat; secretary, Miss Amelia Myers; treasurer, W. G. Holford.

Beebe—Gurney.

A quiet house wedding of much interest in local Grange and church circles took place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Beebe homestead, when two popular young people of the town, Miss Mary Francis Beebe, younger daughter of the late Marcus F. Beebe, and Frank A. Gurney of the firm of Gurney & Spaulding, were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. M. S. Howard of the Congregational church. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present. The bride was daintily gowned in white and nile green, and the same color scheme was carried out in the floral decorations. Immediately after the ceremony refreshments were served, and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney went directly to their home on Main street, which was in readiness for their immediate occupancy.

WARE.

Forepaugh's circus will appear in Ware next month.

Simon Kelly, head waiter at the Parker House in Boston, is visiting relatives in Ware.

F. J. Fahey, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, has opened a veterinary's office in the Hampshire House.

William E. Sullivan, who had charge of Hayes & Carpenter's broker's office, which was recently moved to Springfield, was arrested and taken to Northampton Monday, charged with embezzling between $100 and $135. He was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $200.

J. E. Lenhart, manager of the Swift Beef Company's sale office at the depot, has been promoted to the position of agent at Bath, Me., and will leave for that city with his family next week. Cornelius Foley, traveling agent for the local office, has been appointed in his place.

District Deputy Keeney of Holyoke will attend a meeting of Ware council of Knights of Columbus next Monday, when 20 candidates will take the third degree. A banquet will be given at the Storrs hotel after the exercises, at which about 200 out-of-town guests will be present.

The hose companies have elected the following officers: No. 1, Foreman, E. M. McCarthy; assistants, E. Fallon and George Brown; clerk, Hugh Gormeley; treasurer, P. D. Sullivan. No. 2, Foreman, J. Moran; assistants, William Rice and J. O'Brien; clerk, J. Moriarty; treasurer, J. W. O'Neill. No 4, Foreman, J. Dupree; assistants, N. Allard and C. Bosquet; clerk, A. Hinkley; treasurer, J. Carpenter.

The annual fire district meeting was held in Firemen's Hall Monday evening. W. S. Hyde was chosen moderator and J. J. M. Maloney clerk. An appropriation of $6100 was made for the use of the department the coming year. Of this $1000 is for water and $2670 for pay of officers and firemen. The pay of the latter was raised $5 a year, making it $35 each. The sum of $100 is appropriated for incidental expenses. $125 for inspection day, $200 for janitor and $1000 for a new hook and ladder, a committee being appointed to buy this. These officers were elected: Chief engineer, T. C. Gleason; assistants, M. J. Dillon, F. L. Sherman and Michael Riley; clerk, J. M. Maloney; treasurer, J. H. Schoonmaker; prudential committee, F. P. Clark, E. H. Gilbert, F. N. Hosmer; auditors, J. E. Clark and W. N. Newcomb.

State Highway for Ware.

Selectman Andrew Crowley has received word from the state highway commissioners at Boston that part of the petition of the town authorities for a state road has been granted, and that $8000 would be expended in making two miles of state road from Gilbertville toward Ware. A request was also received that the authorities at once notify them of an agreement to the proposition, and make arrangements to receive the engineers and workmen. The following is an agreement between the town of Ware and the state commissioners: At a special town-meeting November 5 of last year the town voted to raise $12,000 for state road, providing the state commissioners would construct two miles of the road and the town the other two miles, which would reach the crossing at the union depot in Ware. A special town meeting will be held next Monday to take action on the matter. Other articles in the warrant to be considered are: To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow $4000 for ventilation of the West street school building; to see if the town will buy a complete stone crushing plant and borrow $3000 for the same; to make a contract with E. P. Morse for furnishing trap-rock used for highways; to see if the town will rescind the vote of the March meeting whereby the assessors were granted $2.50 per day, and to allow not more than $3.50 for a full day's work.

WARREN.

Mrs. William Powers is visiting friends in Worcester.

Mrs. Chadsey and Miss Chadsey have been spending the week in Newton Center.

Miss Alice Buck is substituting for Miss Clara Bestic at number four this week.

Miss Nellie Ringe of North Wilbraham spent Sunday with Miss Grace Marshall.

Mrs. Maude N. Ahorn and Master Pennell are spending the week in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. K. Hathaway are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Theodore A. Fischer and Milton Dickson have been chosen to fill the vacancies on the school committee.

The fire department was called out Saturday afternoon for a brush fire on land belonging to Charles Comins.

Warren gets $7050 for state road this year, $2050 to complete the mile already commenced and $5000 for new work.

R. H. Marshall left Wednesday for East Cambridge, where he has taken a position with the Blake Manufacturing Co.

At the meeting of the local branch of the Quaboag Historical Society it was decided to hold the field day in Warren the ninth of June.

Citizens of Warren, Brimfield and Wales have subscribed $200 for a survey of the route of the Warren, Brimfield and Wales electric railroad.

The boiler to be used by the Warren Steam Pump Company has been examined by the state inspectors and found all right. Work of setting it will be begun at once.

The Tuesday Club met with Mrs. Robbins on Bacon street Tuesday afternoon. Miss Charles of Boston attended the meeting with her niece, Mr. Warren Hosley.

Mrs. Philip Jennings held an auction of household goods Wednesday afternoon, and will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Converse, on East Main street.

Warren people are much pleased at the award of $2000 for a new highway and $2050 to complete the mile begun last fall, made by the state highway commission. It is hoped that work will begin soon.

Mrs. Mary Manning, wife of Patrick Manning, who disappeared about three weeks ago, has gone to live with her sister in Brookline. Nothing has yet been heard of Mr. Manning's whereabouts.

A horse belonging to Royal Lathe broke away from a hitching post on Main street Saturday afternoon, freed itself from the wagon after travelling eight or ten miles, and was found Sunday afternoon in Daniel Egan's woods.

The Memorial service will be held in the town hall Sunday evening, May 30th, with addresses by the local clergy and music by the school children. On May 31st, which is to be observed as Memorial Day, there will be the usual decoration of graves by Clara Barton post; the Boy's Brigade will act as escort, and the school children will furnish music.

Dominick Montagnioli, who lost both forearms and both eyes recently by an explosion of an old charge of dynamite while drilling in getting out stone for the abutments of the Boston and Albany railroad bridge, has brought suit against Lathrop & Shea of this town for $25,000 for injuries received while in the defendant's employ. The writ was served Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Putnam.

As a result of the offer made some time ago by the town of Warren to the Dupuel-Young optical company of Southbridge to locate in Warren, the directors of that company met Wednesday to consider the advisability of moving the works. No definite action was taken. An effort will be made not only to secure the location of the company here but to have it remain after its location. The company employs about 70 hands and has a pay-roll of $600. With better accommodations than those furnished in Southbridge the number of hands would be greatly increased.

The Westfield (Ind.) *News* prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider the of best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

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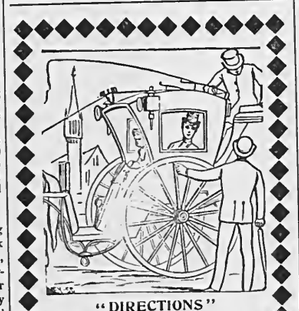

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One day we may vainly ask
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Well for us that we can say,
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THE WOMAN MAJOR IN THE WAR.

An Iowa gentleman, F. W. Burrington, has sent me something about Maj. Belle Reynolds, of whom and her service much has been written, that I do not remember to have seen in print. It is that the gallant major was a school-teacher, the very first one in Cass county, Ia. Her father, K. W. Macomber, was an early settler in that country, going there in 1855. The fall of that year the future woman soldier of high rank taught in a house located on ground upon and around which the city of Atlanta has been built. Her father had ancestors in the war of the Revolution, and her mother, who came from Connecticut, was a relative of late ex-governor, ex-member of Grant's cabinet and ex-minister to Russia, Marshall Jewell. The bright, handsome, independent young lady was a great favorite in the new county, and her work as a teacher highly appreciated. One of her brothes, J. K. Macomber, is a prominent lawyer of Des Moines, whose wife is a writer and lecturer of note, and has taken a leading part in advocating the rights and duties of woman.

From 1855 until 1860 pretty and vivacious Belle Macomber did not have to hunt for schools; her fame was abroad, and school officials did the hunting. She never had to take up with a dull school, where the building was a barn and the salary fit only to starve on; she had her pick of the best, received the highest wages paid any teacher in the country, and was always one of the first in the section's four hundred. Among the young men who regarded the popular teacher with a jealous eye was William S. Reynolds, and in 1860, the year the old ship of state ran upon the rocks, and might have gone down if a modest Illinois man hadn't been called to the captaincy, Belle Macomber became Mrs. Reynolds, and soon afterward they made Illinois their home, where they were living when the war came. Mr. Reynolds did not wait long after Lincoln's second call for soldiers, a call which quickly followed the first one, before finding himself the choice of a company of young stalwarts for 1st lieutenant.

When the new soldier informed his young wife that he had enlisted, expecting to see her break down and then brace up and declare that he should not go, he was surprised to see her face wreathed in smiles, joy-prompted, glad smiles.

"What do you think of it, Belle?" asked Soldier Reynolds.

"Think of it—what do I think of your going to the war? Why! I am delighted. It is what you ought to do."

"Then you will not object to my going?"

"Not I. It is of all things that which I have most wanted you to do since Mr. Lincoln's first call."

"Don't you think you will miss me and wish I hadn't gone?

"Not for one moment."

It was getting serious. The lieutenant wanted to serve his country, but he didn't quite like to see his bride so confoundedly happy at the thought of his going to war for three years; going, may be and quite likely, not to return. He would have preferred a few tears and an assortment of chiding for proposing to leave the woman he had recently married, to the gladness she manifested. Seeing that her husband was in deep water, was distressed, over the turn of affairs, she threw her arms about his neck and proceeded to give him a new shock.

"I will tell you why I shall not miss you and shall not want you to come home. I am going to the war with you. Now, don't protest."

"But think of it! Think of the long marches, sleeping on the ground, of dangers in battle. It will not do."

"Yes, it will do. I am in perfect health, as strong as you and as patriotic."

When the 17th Illinois went South Mrs. Belle Reynolds went with it, taking the fare of a soldier. At the battle of Shiloh she was under fire until compelled to leave. While on her way to the rear she saw a field hospital. The white faces of the sufferers and the groans of those not so badly injured impelled her to stop. She remained all day and all night, helping to care for and cheer the unfortunates of battle. "That angel of mercy," as the soldiers called her, spent much of her time in hospitals nursing the sick, reading to them and writing their letters.

The work of the Iowa teacher of a year before came to the knowledge of Gov. Dick Yates—Yates of blessed war memory—and he sent her a commission as major. She was provided with a horse. Her uniform was navy blue and her shoulder straps the same as any major's gold leaves and all. Officers and men had great respect for her. Often as the 17th passed other commands the men threw their hats in the air and gave cheers for Maj. Belle Reynolds. *Harper's* and *Frank Leslie's* contained pictures of her riding at the head of the regiment. Everybody in the army, East and West, was talking about the woman major. Her war record was in all respects creditable.

Soon after peace came the major studied medicine, and for nearly 30 years she has been a successful physician and surgeon. She was for some years a resident of Chicago, where she had a large practice, often being called in consultation to distant cities. Six years ago she located in Milwaukee. While there I had several conversations with her on her war experience. At a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Carlson, Maj. Belle Reynolds was the center of attraction with the 20 or 30 veterans among the guests. It was while at Milwaukee that her health failed somewhat. She went to California on that account, and is now practicing at Santa Barbara.—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

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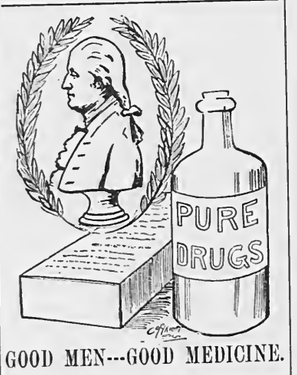

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

☞ The editor of this column would like to arrange with the baseball teams in the surrounding towns for scores of the games, to be sent to the JOURNAL office immediately after they are played. Also for a schedule of games to be played.

BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs,	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	7	2	.778	Rochester,	5	6	.455
Springfield,	6	3	.667	Wilkesb're,	4	5	.444
Syracuse,	6	3	.667	Providence,	4	7	.364
Scranton,	6	4	.600	Toronto,	2	10	.167

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	13	3	.813	Cleveland,	8	9	.471
Philadelphia,	12	6	.667	New York,	6	7	.462
Louisville,	9	5	.643	Brooklyn,	6	10	.375
Pittsburg,	9	6	.600	Washington,	5	10	.333
Cincinnati,	10	7	.588	Chicago,	5	12	.294
Boston,	8	8	.500	St. Louis,	4	12	.250

Palmer High School 19—Wesleyan Academy 7.

The Palmer high school ball team added another dangling scalp to its belt at Wilbraham last Friday afternoon, when they took the Wesleyan academy ball team into camp by the score of 19 to 7. It was a grand victory, one of which the high school boys may justly feel proud. Wesleyan has long held an enviable position on the diamond among the academy teams of Western Massachusetts, and to have her colors lowered so unexpectedly by the Palmer team must have been a bitter pill to swallow. To Kennedy's superb pitching a large portion of the victory is due. He allowed Wesleyan but four safe hits, three of which came in the second inning. When Wesleyan came to bat in the first inning they expected to knock the "little fellow" out of the box, but what a surprise party was offered them when he struck the first three men out. He was ably supported by Shaw, and received good support from all quarters. "Shuck," old boy, had his eye on the ball and hit safe three times, one of them being a ripping three bagger. Riley also lauded on the horse-hide heavily, getting a two-bagger and a three-base hit. Murphy, Connor and Kennedy had several good hits tucked away in their hats which they sprang on opportune occasions. Barry was hit hard and often. He could not seem to locate the plate, and presented seven men with a base on balls. He was given wretched support, the team behind him slipping up on 14 different occasions, Shannan and Kendall being particularly bad offenders.

Riley opened the game for Palmer with a pretty two-bagger. Shaw sacrificed, scoring Riley. Connor hit safe and scored on Sugrue's high fly to left. Murphy struck out. For Wesleyan, Chapin came up with the evident intention of "killing the ball," and as a result of too much anxiety struck out. Kendall and Shannan also could not find the spheroid, and ingloriously fanned. In the second inning Palmer went out in order. In their half Wesleyan took the lead. Clark hit for three bases; Buckey duplicated his hit, scoring Clark; Rooney singled, scoring Buckey; Coote hit to Connor, who slipped up and he was safe; Barry went out to Sugrue; Putnam gave him another chance but he failed to accept, and Coote crossed the rubber. Chapin again struck out, and Kendall went out Shaw to Studley. In the third, Palmer scored six runs on a base on balls to Shaw, Connor, Kennedy, Studley, costly errors by Kendall and Shannan, and hits by Sugrue and Murphy. Wesleyan drew three more. Shannan hit to Studley, who erred; Clark drew a base on balls; Buckey went out to Studley; Rooney singled, scoring Shannan and Clark, stole second and scored on Coote's sacrifice. Barry went out, Kennedy to Studley. In the fourth four more came Palmer's way. Studley hit safe, Riley went out to Rooney; Shaw was given his base on balls. Connor came up smiling; he drew up his trousers and smashed the first ball pitched into left garden for two bases, bringing in Studley and Shaw. A moment later he was caught purloining third. Sugrue swatted the leather hard and was sitting on third when the ball was returned to the diamond. Murphy got in a pretty single, scoring "Shuck"; Fay walked, and scored with Murphy a moment later on Kennedy's three-base hit Tuthill struck out. For Wesleyan Putnam went out, Sugrue to Studley, Chapin walked, but died on first as Kendall and Shannan failed to connect with the ball. Palmer added six more in the fifth. Studley got his base on balls, and Riley scored him with a three-bagger; Shaw scored Riley with a single; Connor fanned; Sugrue hit safely; Murphy followed suit, scoring Shaw; Fay hit to Rooney, who fumbled and Sugrue tallied, followed across the plate by Murphy. Kennedy went out Coote to Rooney, and Tuthill ended the inning by going out. It was now six o'clock. Wesleyan realized that they could not win and decided not to take their bats in the last of the fifth, so that the score would go back to even innings and thus not look quite so bad, so the game was called. The score:

P. H. S.	r	h	po	a	e	W. A.	r	h	po	a	e
Riley, m,	3	2	0	1	0	Chapin, 3,	0	0	2	0	2
Shaw, c,	3	1	7	1	0	Kendall, 2,	0	0	2	0	3
Connor, 3,	2	2	0	0	2	Shannan, s,	1	0	1	2	3
Sugrue, 2,	3	3	1	1	1	Clark, l,	2	1	1	0	0
Murphy, s,	2	2	0	0	0	Buckey, m,	1	1	0	0	0
Fay, l,	3	1	0	0	0	Rooney, 1,	2	2	5	0	2
Kennedy, p,	0	1	0	6	0	Coote, c,	1	0	3	6	2
Tuthill, r,	0	0	0	0	0	Barry, p,	0	0	1	2	2
Studley, 1,	3	1	4	0	1	Putnam, r,	0	0	0	0	0
Total,	19	13	12	9	4	Total,	7	4	15	10	14

Palmer H. S.	2	0	6	5	6—19
Wesleyan A.	0	4	3	0	—7

Times at bat, P. H. S. 28, W. A. 20. Earned runs, P. H. S. 6, W. A. 2. Sacrifice hits, Riley, Shaw, Coote. Two-base hits, Riley, Connor. Three-base hits, Riley, Sugrue, Kennedy, Clark, Buckey. Stolen bases, P. H. S. 12, W. A. 8. First base on balls, Kennedy 2, Barry 7. Struck out, Kennedy 6, Barry 3. Wild pitch by Barry. Passed balls, Coote, Shaw. Time, 1h. 45m. Umpire, Prof. Findley.

BUNTS.

Kennedy certainly did himself proud. Hats off to the young twirler!

The high school boys are playing fast ball. It will take a good team to beat them.

Studley was at the bat but once, yet scored three times. He was given his base twice.

Twenty bases were stolen in all. There must have been a knot in the catcher's throwing arms.

Fay scored three runs out of three times at the bat, Sugrue three out of four, and Shaw three of two.

Sugrue as usual made life anything but pleasant for the umpire. But then as his remarks were made good-naturedly and were full of wit, the spectators and umpire as well seemed to enjoy them.

Tuthill's slide to third was a grand effort. He ploughed up the ground, raised a big cloud of dust, tore his togs, and then was declared out. It looked as if he was safe, but the professor said "nit," and of course that settled it.

The Rushers of Thorndike played their first game of the season at Three Rivers on Saturday, and were victorious by a score of 16 to 13. They will go to Boudsville tomorrow to play a local nine. The Rushers are all under 16 years of age, and challenge any chit of their age for the championship. The team is composed of the following: Laplant, c; Gamache, p; McKenzie, 1; Hurley, 2; Bordeau, 3; P. Chabbott, ss; Bouillard, r; S. Chabbott, m; Murphy, l. The features of Saturday's game were the two fine fly catches of P. Chabbott at short.

Kelliher, who is playing on the Waterbury, Ct., team of the State league, has "won the hearts" of the baseball enthusiasts of that town by his all around good playing. He made two home runs in one game recently.

The Eagle Athletic Club of Palmer met with its first defeat of the season at the hands of the O. A. C. ball team of Three Rivers Saturday morning. The features of the game were the catching of Barnes and the playing of Doyle. Both pitchers were wild, and bases on balls helped materially in running up the score, which was: O. A. C. 21, E. A. C. 11. In the afternoon the O. A. C. team defeated a team from Thorndike in an interesting game, 13 to 12.

The Greyhounds defeated the Junior League of Pine street Saturday at Palmer, 50 to 18. A close and exciting game, no doubt.

The Star baseball club, composed of lads under 11 years of age, will play a Bondsville team to-morrow at Bondsville.

The Ludlow baseball team will play the Springfield Reserves in Springfield to-morrow.

The Ludlows defeated the Thorndikes at the latter place last Saturday, 20 to 10.

The Thorndikes will play at Belchertown to-morrow.

SHE CHANGED HER MIND.—Miss Boston was taking Sunday dinner with her country cousins in Berkshire, and on being asked what part of the chicken she liked replied that if she had any preference at all it was for the perambulator.

"The what?" Uncle Si asked, plunging his fork into the fowl.

"Why, perambulator," she stammered, very much embarrassed.

"Wa-al, what's that?"

Blushing, she went into the hall and changed her mind.

"What did ye say ye'd hev?" the old man asked on her return.

"Why, the pinion, please, Uncle Si." And she got the neck.—*Judge.*

Parishioner (after the congregation had been dismissed)—"Ha, ha! Sure that was a good joke of yours!" Priest—"What joke do you mean?" Parishioner—"What joke? Why, askin' us fer money to buy coal whin I myself know the church is heated by stame."—*New York Journal.*

Charming Miss (to gentleman who is about to share a seat with her)—"I beg pardon, sir, but this seat is engaged." Gentleman with admiring glance)—"Indeed! Then it is certainly entitled to my envy."—*Boston Courier.*

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I ain't no sage, but it seems to me
That when folks 'gin to disagree,
And fault-find with the way thing's done
In this old world—think they could run
The whole machine themselves and make
Things better 'n now, there's some mistake,
For generally them 'at wants to rule
The most, has been the least to school.

There is some folks who know it all
A-livin' on this revolvin' ball—
This God-made world which long has stood,
An' which it's maker thought so good—
Some folks in their own minds immense,
Who think they could teach Providence.
This thing or that, had they been here
Or there, when this old rollin' sphere
Was in construction, might have been
A durned sight better—what a sin
They hadn't lived in that far day
And by the Flood been washed away;—
The world would better be, perhaps,
Without sech wisdom-burdened chaps.

There's something wrong when folks begin
A-lindin' only woe an' sin
Within this good ol' world of ours,
So full of pictures, song and flowers—
So full of friendship, love and peace;—
Their hinges p'haps air needin' grease,
Or, mebbe their whole gate's unhung,
Or by one rusty hinge is swung.

For my part, I find work enough,
An' love an' sympathy an' such stuff,
To make me glad right through and through
As I can wish, for fifty-two
Weeks in the year, an' I can't see
Why others can't as well as me;
Yes, there's a screw loose somewhere sure
When folks begin to fret, and slur
This grand old world of ours, an' see
Nothin' but sin and misery.

There is a sayin' true if trite;—
"To shut-eyes it is allus night,"—
So if your eyes air closed, my friend,
Jest open 'em from end to end,
And look the whole world in the face,
An' see if you don't find more grace
Than gloom aboundin' everywhere—
For once just take one fair and square
Good look, an' then if you don't hand
Your horns in—why I'm beat, that's all.

—*Edwin Booth Lowe, in Boston Transcript.*

THE LOOKING-GLASS.

She was a puny, yellow-skinned, big-eyed, big-mouthed child, with thin arms and legs, and brown, untidy hair. The eyes were red and the mouth tremulous with tears when she stood alone in the world in the drawing room of her aunt's house in Highgate, quite alone, now that the friendly doctor who had taken charge of her on her homeward voyage had brought her to the house of her dead father's only sister; and, being a busy man, home on a short furlough after a long Indian service, had kissed her, bidden her be a good girl, given her half a sovereign and a box of sweets, and left her. The old servant who had opened the door had said that her mistress was attending a a clothing club tea meeting— had said it with no appearance of surprise that her mistress should be absent at the hour which she herself had fixed for the arrival of her only brother's only child.

Una walked round the room, looking at the pictures in their heavy frames: "The Woman of Samaria," "Bolton Abby in the Olden Time," "The Maid of Saragossa." She looked at the marble top of the chiffonier, where the case of stuffed birds was; at the heavy, stiff damask curtains, the respectability of the brussels carpet, the severe, unvarying orderliness of the rep-covered chairs. She looked out of the window at the garden, in intention as formal as the room itself, but where the lavish hand of autumn had scattered golden leaves, to the dispair of the gardener and the glittering of the lawn. It was a chill, damp out-look. Una shivered and walked back into the room.

The chiffonier attracted her the most. The stuffed birds were pretty; besides, there was at the back of them a looking-glass, in which she could see her face, her poor little frightened face. There was a glass in the doors of the chiffonier, too, reflecting the black stockings and the little skirts that were trimmed with crepe, because it was not yet four months since jungle fever had killed father and mother. She was tired. The chairs looked at her forbiddingly, yet with a sort of challenge, as though they dared her to sit on their neat cushions. She was too tired to accept the challenge and too tired for the little feet to support her longer without protest.

So she sat down on the Brussels carpet in front of the looking-glass door of the chiffonier and peered into its depths. It was a comfort to her to see her own face. That, at least was not strange as everything else was. It was almost like having a friend there, and she sat looking at herself in the glass, and pitied herself very much indeed, as children do, and grown folks likewise.

She was lost in a sad dream of the time when the face had had a soft shoulder to rest on, kind hands to stroke it, dear lips to kiss it whenever it would; and she did not hear the door open and her aunt come in. She had just reached out a little clammy hand with an impulse of affection toward the image which seemed all that was left of the old life, when her arm was caught from behind, and she sprang to her feet, literally speechless with the sudden shock.

"So you are my niece," a hard voice said; and Una, looking up, saw an elderly woman, with pale banded hair and black shawl and a very ugly bonnet.

Una opened her lips, but the "Yes, aunt," would not pass them.

"And what are you doing sitting down there on the floor as if you were a dog?" The voice was not unkind, so Una managed to answer:

"I was looking at myself in the glass."

"Why?" asked her aunt.

"Because I like to," was Una's summary of the many reasons that had brought her to that contemplation.

"Indeed," her aunt answered. "And what is your name?"

"Una," said the child.

"Anything else?"

"Una Mary Vincent."

"Well, Mary," said her aunt, instantly adopting the name unfamiliar to her neice, "I shall not call you Una, because I think it is high-flown and romantic and not at all suitable for a little girl."

"Mother and father called me Una," the child found courage to reply, clinging to that in the midst of the waves of terror and loneliness and homelessness that were closing round her.

"Indeed," replied her aunt, as if that made no difference. "But I shall call you Mary. Now, Mary, you will have governesses and teachers and every advantage I can give you; and I hope you will be a good girl and not tiresome. Give me a kiss and I will ring for Fraser to take you up stairs."

Una lifted her lips obediently, but it was a hard, unresponsive cheek that they touched. There was no lingering pressure, no touch of a hand on her hair, no arm put round her for a moment, no love. She followed the old servant patiently up the steep carpeted stairs into a large, dreary room furnished with mahogany and seriousness. Left alone she took off her hat and jacket, washed her hands and face and did her hair as well as she could at the big looking-glass between the two deep windows.

It was growing dusk; she did not like the big room; she hastened down to her aunt. There was tea—a silent meal. Then Aunt Mary gave her a bound volume of the Monthly Packet, and turned herself to wrestle with a number of little account-books in mottled paper covers. Bedtime came all too soon, a bedtime that meant loneliness in the big, dark, quiet chamber. Una's heart beat with terror when she found herself alone there with the one candle. She undressed very quickly, trying to encourage herself by saying over as quickly as she could all the texts and hymns she could remember, in a vague hope that they might act as a charm against what might be lurking invisible around her, ready to spring in active, horrible, material existence soon as the light was blown out.

Once in bed, kind Nature remembered the child for whom no one else in all the busy, living world had any thought in that hour, and rocked her sweetly and swiftly into a dreamless sleep.

Next day a prim but kindly governess appeared. For the first time Una found in sums and geography a refuge from her bitter longing for love, and from bleak waste of misery that life had become to her. When she went up to wash her hands for tea, she found that the big dressing table, with its large swinging-glass was gone. When she came down she said timidly to the aunt who sat waiting behind the tea tray:

"There is no looking-glass in my room, aunt. How am I to do my hair?"

"You must learn to do without a glass," her aunt replied, beginning to pour out the tea with grim rigidity. "I didn't say anything to you about it yesterday because you were tired, and I didn't wish to be too severe with you; but I must tell you I was very much shocked to find you indulging in foolish vanity before the looking-glass. You will have no glass for the future."

"Yes, aunt," said the child meekly, climbing on to the large horsehair chair and smoothing her pinafore down over her black frock.

"Will you please pass the bread and butter?" the aunt went on. "You must learn to be very obliging and agreeable, Mary, and think no more about looking-glasses and such vanities. Remember that you are an extremely plain child. You will grow up to be a very plain woman. From what I have seen of you I am quite sure that you will be a clever one. So you must be good and obedient or no one will ever love you. You will certainly not be loved for your looks or your cleverness."

"No, aunt," Una answered, choking down bitter tears with the bread and butter.

"It will be no fault of mine," said Miss Vincent complacently to herself as she sat alone that night over the clothing club accounts—"it will not be my fault if she grows up vain and frivolous. I will do my duty to her whatever it costs me."

And she did. She was a woman in whom duty took the place of faith and hope and charity. She saw that Una was well clothed and sufficiently fed. She saw that Una was well taught and had regular daily exercise in the open air. She took her to church. She taught her her catechism, and at the proper age she had her taken to the bishop to be confirmed. All this care Miss Vincent gave ungrudgingly. More than this she had not in her to give.

So Una grew up a silent, awkward girl, more and more finding her pleasure in learning and reading. There were no books of a frivolous character at Miss Vincent's. It was a sympathetic housemaid who gave Una a copy of Longfellow, furtively, on her 15th birthday, and the same housemaid at her request bought her Mrs. Hemans and Scott, and a vilely printed edition of Shakespeare, with the 10 shillings the doctor had given her at parting five years before. She had not spent the 10 shillings; she had nothing to spend it on. All her material wants were supplied, and Miss Vincent would not have approved of any catering for spiritual needs beyond the official banquet of prayer-book, hymn-book and sermon. So Una hid her poetry books on top of the big wardrobe and read and re-read them. After that first day she had never looked in the glass. At first from the blind instinct of obedience, which 10 years of loving care had made strong within her; afterward because the memory of her aunt's words to her ranked in a wound that never healed.

"No one will ever love me. I am not good. I shall never be clever. I must always be ugly. I don't want to see an ugly, stupid person's face."

And not to look in any glass in any room at any time became a habit, stronger than any resolution could have been, and she grew up learned for her years and thoughtful, taking her part in Miss Vincent's mothers' meetings and the acts of duty, misnamed charities, till it seemed to her as if the world must always, always go on just like this, with nothing in it beautiful except the flowers in their seasons in the dull garden, the memory of those 10 years in India, and the contraband poetry books on the top of the mahogany wardrobe.

She still reads with her governess, though she had long outstripped that worthy woman's little round of learning and accomplishments. She kissed her aunt morning and evening, but after Betty, the housemaid, left there were none in whom she could confide even to the point of stretching her arms in their presence when she was weary, or sighing in their presence when she was sad. And she was sad so often, yet not with the bitterness of those first days, because one can get used to any pain, even the pain of loneliness and of a loveless life.

It was when the housemaid left that Una first began to write poetry, furtively, with one of her drawing pencils, in the blank spaces of an old exercise book filled up with vulgar fractions. And her poems were echoes of the poetry she had read, and rough and had and poor, yet with an individual note, and the very first line of the very first poem began, "I know that I am ugly." Una has that poem still, but it is under seal, and even now she never has the heart to look at it, and gradually out of the world, whose one great fact was that she was ugly, and therefore no one would ever love her, she passed into the other world, where all things were beautiful, and therefore she loved them; so with the poetry she wrote and the poetry she read she built herself a dream palace in which as the days passed by their dull duties and routines became the dream, and her beautiful, bright dreams the only reality.

No visitors came to the house except the prim ladies who brought their scissors and thimbles, and sat seriously sewing through the Wednesday afternoons, while an improving book was read aloud. Una was as much alone as though she never touched a human hand or saw a human face. Then, quite without warning, the change came.

Miss Vincent died, died suddenly, sitting upright at her table, working at the account books, died with her pen in her hand and with anxious eyes tracking through the long columns a missing fourpence half-penny. They found her there in the morning when they came in to unbar the shutters and remove the slight traces of yesterday's life from carpet and chair and fender.

They went up and told Una, without preface or hesitation. "Get up, Miss Mary!" the housemaid said. "Your poor aunt is dead."

And Una got up. She did not run down to see the worst for herself, in dressing-gown and slippers; but she dressed quickly with all the customary routine of the toilet, and as on other mornings brushed out her long hair and twisted it up, looking all the while out of the window. It was a bright May morning. There were two blackbirds on the wet lawn. Then she said her prayers, because she had always been used to saying them, and went downstairs.

The doctor was there. They had laid Miss Vincent on the table, and covered her with a sheet. The doctor was arranging its folds over the dead face when Una came in.

"The poor lady's niece," said the cook introducing them." The doctor, Miss Mary; he says it's all over."

Una turned away and went into the drawing-room. She stood there gazing out of the window, the tears slowly rolling down her face, with an ache of heart, just as though she had loved the hard woman who lay cold under a sheet across the hall. Perhaps she had, without knowing it, for love is a plant which grows in strange places and with little to feed it. The doctor's voice roused her.

"Come, my dear," he said, "you must cheer up. Is there no one you can send for?"

"No one," said Una.

He meditated a moment.

"I don't like leaving you all alone in this big, sad house," he said.

He was a white-bearded old man, with a shining bald head and friendly eyes.

"I must send my wife to keep you company."

And Una, who could not understand her own tears let him go without a word. It seemed to her that no time had passed, or else a very, very long time, indeed, so long that one might well lose count of it, when the door opened and a stout, rosy-cheeked old lady, with little white curls on each side of a smooth forehead, came into the room. She made two steps forward, hesitated, then came right up to the forlorn little figure by the window, and quite simple, as if it were the most common thing in the world, took Una in her arms and kissed her again and again.

"You poor little thing!" she said; "you must come home with me."

And Una, still stunned, obeyed.

They gave her the best room at the doctor's, and the doctor's wife waited on her and fed her, and petted her as though she had been indeed one of the children that had lain, in the old times, on that motherly breast, and Una's soul drank in the love as a thirsty flower drinks dew.

Miss Vincent was buried and the will read and Una knew that's her aunt's money was hers, and that she was her own mistress; yet the weeks went by and still she stayed in her new home with the new happiness that not even her books or her dreams had pictured for her. She was not clever—oh, no; she was not pretty either; she was not—she knew too well—even good. Yet here was some one who loved her.

It was when she had been there a month that the doctor's wife looked up from her pile of letters at breakfast with a new joy in her face.

"My son is coming home," she said. "He will be here, he says, almost as soon as his letter. He has got a year's leave. Oh! my dear, what a happy old woman I am!—the happiest in the world!"

And the doctor at the other end of the table took his spectacles off and wiped them—to have a good look, as he said, at the happiest woman in the world.

All this time Una had never looked in the glass. "They love me here," she said to herself, "so what does it matter how I look?"

That night as they sat round the fire—for the evenings were still chilly, though it was early June—the rumble of wheels came up the road. The doctor's wife, throwing her 60 years behind her, rushed to the door. There was a sound of hurried inquiries, of kisses, of luggage being set down in the hall, a chink of money as the cab was paid, and then the doctor's wife with pink roses in her own pretty old face and stars of joy in her faded eyes, came into the room leading a handsome, bronzed, soldierly man.

"This is my boy, Una," she said. "Francis, this is my dear girl."

And as he came across the room, holding out a brown hand, and looking at Una with frank, blue eyes, her own dropped before them, and she wished with a little pang, for the first time for years, that it had pleased Fate to make her a little better, not quite so stupid, not quite so ugly.

A month later the great happiness of life came to her when then those blue eyes looked closely into hers and those strong hands held her own.

"But is it possible," she cried, "that you really can care, that you really want me? I am so—so—" She could not say it. Why should she tell him that she was ugly and stupid and not very good, if he did not see these things? Or perhaps he saw them and did not mind. So she said "Yes" to his questions, because she had given him her heart four weeks ago in exchange for the first look from those blue eyes of his.

They had been married three weeks and the honeymoon was in its last quarter, and in the little lodgings at Hythe Una was twisting up the long, dark hair, still damp and salt with the sea.

Her husband watched her with loving pride.

"Una, my heart," he said, "have you made a vow of humility, that you never look in the glass? You always look out of the window when you are twisting up that dear hair of yours. Why is it?"

Una did not answer. She twisted up her hair, and when the last hairpin was in its place came and knelt beside her husband, and then laid her soft cheek against his shoulder.

Then she told him the whole tale, as I have told it to you, and she showed him her poems, which I cannot show you, but you can get them from Mudie's for yourselves, and when he looked through them and heard all her tale, he clasped her in his arms and kissed her a hundred times.

"You not good? You not clever? You not pretty? My beauty, my pride, my heart's delight! Come with me and let me show you how beautiful my wife is!"

He led her to the little gold-framed looking-glass above the sitting-room mantelpiece.

"There," he said.

He looked and she looked. The looking-glass reflected his fair hair and strong face, and on his shoulder the rough brown head of his wife. But she did not look at her low, broad forehead, her arched brows, and beautiful, dreamy passionate eyes. She did not see the sensitive, soft-lipped mouth, the round softness of the firm chin, and the faint shell-pink tint of the smooth cheeks. Her eyes met his in the glass, then she answered the word she read in them.

"Am I?" she said. "Really? And are you pleased?"

He turned and kissed her again. "Look at yourself Una," he said.

She flung her arms round his neck. "No, why should I wish to see myself, when I can see you, my dear?"—*E. Nesbit, in Atlanta.*

When Mother gets the Tea.

When on a Sunday afternoon
The children are away,
And wife and I at home alone,
She'll look at me and say,
"We'll let the servants all go out;
When only you and me
Are left—just as I used to do,
I'll get your Sunday tea."

And so we watch them as they go,
The maids in ribbon gay,
Butler and cook and all the rest
Depart in brave array.
And when the last has disappeared
I rub my hands in glee—
And say, "Now, Mary! for old times!"
And "Mother" gets the tea!

Stand back, each Jane and Bridget,
And hide your blushing face!
If you could only cook like this
You'd never "lose a place!"
Soft oysters, and such omelets,
Chickens and toast—ah me!
How happy 'twas when, long ago,
She always got the tea!

Those good old days, when we were poor,
And boys and girls were small,
Since then the Lord has prospered us,
When they've grown strong and tall,
And think they ought to have "more style—"
Perhaps such things must be—
But still I'm longing for the days
When "Mother" got the tea.

—*Louise Edgar, in N. Y. Independent.*

THE CHILDLESS WIFE.

In the house where there are no children, what are the holidays, with all the joyous preparation that belongs to them in other houses; what are birthdays, Sundays, story-telling twilights, bedtimes; what the glad morning hour? Surely it is a dreary place without the shouts and cries, without the outside interests, innocent, fresh, amusing, that children force upon it; and that is a forlorn woman who has none of the strangely wise questions to answer that children ask, none of the dear confidences to receive, none of the happy excitement of training a young spirit as she would train a flower, of shaping a life, of seeing herself perhaps reproduced, with the chance of correcting and obviating her errors. The mother with her baby on her knee, showing him his first flower, his first picture, watching his first hearing of a tune, his first rapture over bright colors, over another child, the first expression of his tenderness, will tell you that there has been no interest and no joy in her life comparable to this, and will wonder at you if you smile, and will pity you if destiny has left you without that experience. Even the mother who has lost her child has an interest that is deep and vital, and in a way satisfying, in following that child's spiritual growth still with her thoughts, in feeling that she is not without a child, nor is the child motherless.

That there are women who look with disinclination upon the idea of bringing this great happiness into their lives seems incredible. It means to them the dropping of a year out of their active pleasures, out of dining, driving, dancing, bicycling, horse-back-riding; it puts a bar to the parading of possibly gorgeous toilettes, a limit for the time being, and perhaps for a time afterward, to theatres and operas and all the social gayeties. They are not afraid of sickness and pain—very few women fear pain excessively—but they want the pleasure or the passing moment, and they do not want care and responsibility. They entirely forget that much of the sanctity of marriage depends upon the presence of children in the family; that health is preserved by obedience to natural laws; and that, if the purpose of the universe is the gradual perfection of the race, than they are contravening the divine intention when barring the extension of the race so far as their power goes. A woman whose husband is a drunkard or insane may feel that she has no right to continue that awful inheritance; a woman in poverty may hesitate about a larger family than she can clothe and educate—very often the hesitation is not on her side; such women anyway are greatly to be commiserated. But the unfortunately childless women in better circumstances have no idea of what they deprive themselves—a happiness to which no pleasure of ball or toilette is comparable. They make for themselves a desert, a middle-life without companionship, and an old age without love. And they rob themselves in the heyday of their health and strength of the embrace of little arms, of the kisses on velvet cheeks, the watching over dewy sleep, the adoring worship of tender new-born souls, the ineffable delight of loving something infinitely better than they love themselves.—*Harper's Bazar.*

WHALING AT AMAGANSETT.

Away out on the eastern end of Long Island, almost as much at sea as though it were an island by itself, is the little fishing-village of Amagansett. It lies directly on the ocean, and has neither harbor nor wharves nor ships, yet it is known far up and down the coast as a whaling-town, for it is at this point, strange to say, that the whales come nearest to the land; they are sighted first within a few miles of Amagansett.

The weather-seasoned surfmen, who fish through the breakers for foodfish, will give you a dozen reasons why this is so, and why their little navy is unique among the fishing fleets of North Atlantic coast; but they are mostly guesses, and we only know that the whales have favored Amagansett thus for many years. During all the summer and fall the hardy fishermen who live in the gray cottages among the dunes set their nets for blue and weak fish, but from the end of the winter to early summer they become fishermen of more heroic cast, and chase and take and land the biggest "fish" that swims—the whale. Nearly every season whales are sighted by the life-savers who patrol the beach, or by the lookout at the life-saving station, and when one or more of them are taken, the occasion is one to be marked with a white stone in the history of the sleepy little village.

One of these captures took place in the latter part of February this year, an unusually early date. The well-known signal from the life-saving station, "Whale in sight," at once put the little village in a fever of hustling preparation.

The crews of the half-dozen whale-boats hurried to their posts, and the entire population flocked to the beach to see the start of the venturesome chase. No details and no precautions are neglected; the boats of this unique navy are regular-built whale-boats, the tackle the best that money can buy, the men are worthy of the work, and their calling acquires a new dignity from it. They are no longer fishermen, but hunters of big game.—*Harper's Weekly.*

HAD AN AWFUL FUSS.—The other day one of our subscribers had occasion to exercise paternal authority over his three-years-old daughter, and finally was compelled to take her from the table to another room, carrying her in her tall chair. After a few minutes the father and daughter returned, the latter quite complacent. She began to eat her dinner in silence. After a little while she said: "Oh, my, but we had a terrible fuss in there!"—*Ashtabula Sentinel.*

Advertisement in L. A. W. Bulletin: "Good stylish bicycle, $30, for sale by a young lady enameled black and geared to 68. Address, etc."

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

All coal bills overdue must be paid on or before June 1st, 1897. J. F. Holbrook, J. F. Holbrook & Son.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

LIQUOR DEALERS FOUND GUILTY.

Conviction in the Superior Court in the Appealed Palmer Cases.

The liquor cases, now somewhat famous in the state, which were worked up by last year's prosecuting committee, came up in the superior court this week. The first case tried was on Wednesday, and was one against Thomas Hartnett of Three Rivers for keeping a common nuisance. Witnesses testified to buying liquor of Mr. Hartnett and finding bottles and jugs with traces of liquor in them on his premises. T. W. Kenefick appeared for Hartnett The jury reported a verdict of guilty. The case of Marcus Sullivan, charged with keeping a liquor nuisance in the Nassowauno House, was next tried This was thought by the defense to be a weak case, with "spotter" evidence only, but the evidence offered by the commonwealth was that two men by the name of Hapgood and Louis Wells bought whisky of one O'Neil, a former bartender of Sullivan's. The whisky was brought into a room where they were in a bottle, poured into a pitcher and then emptied into tumblers Louis Wells's father is alleged to have paid for the drinks. Rev. G. S. Butler and others testified to making a raid on Memorial Day and finding a pitcher in the barroom into which water was running from a faucet. When they entered a man made a hasty exit, and a strong odor of whisky was prevalent about the room. Sullivan was the only witness for the defense, which was a denial of the charges. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Lawyer Kenefick was counsel for Sullivan, assisted by S. S. Taft.

Hartnett pleaded guilty to the two charges of selling, and was then fined $100 in the nuisance case, which he paid. He was also fined $100 in one sale case, to be paid at the next term of court, the other case being placed on file during good behavior. He can be sentenced on it at any time, and it will be jail, this being the second offense.

It is expected that other cases will be tried next week.

Penalty for Disturbing a School.

Martin Dorset and his two youthful "Wild-West desperados" of Monson occupied the attention of the court the greater part of its session Monday. Dorset, it will be remembered, is the man who armed his children with knives with which they terrified their schoolmates, and he himself created a disturbance in the No. 2 school, on which charge he was arraigned. Miss Mabel Tucker, the teacher of the school, testified to the trouble she had with the Dorset children, how they frightened the children with their knives and how Dorset came to the school and threatened her and the scholars. Supt. of Schools, Miss C. A. Wood, testified to the same effect. Dorset denied all in his defense, but was found guilty by Judge McFarland, who was presiding, and given 30 days in the house of correction. In the afternoon Agent Bullock asked that the younger children be given to the care of the Children's Aid Society, as they were not provided a suitable home in which to live. As the children have been exposed to the measles it was arranged that they be cared for by the town officials until the danger is past, when the state authorities will take them in charge.

Bicycle Road Race to be Run.

The committee appointed last week to consider the advisability of holding a road race met Tuesday evening at Tufts's store. It was decided to hold a race on June 12, the start to be made at 3 30 p. m. The route decided upon is as follows: The start to be made from a point on Main street near the corner of Walnut, up North Main street to Burleigh's crossing, thence to Four Corners, turn to the left and thence to Three Rivers and strike the Palmer road above the New London Northern depot, thence to Palmer, coming down North Main street to Thorndike street, up Thorndike to Park, thence through Park to Central street, down Central to Main and over the same course, with a finish somewhere near Elbridge Hastings's residence on North Main street. It will be a handicap race and open to riders of Palmer village, Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville. A nominal entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged. Entries will close June 8th. These appointments were made: G. B. Hayes and E. D. Tufts a committee to solicit money for prizes; W. F. Waite, advertising; Frank Roche, clerk of course; handicappers, G. B Hayes, W. F. Waite and Frank Roche.

Liquor Seized at the "Pool."

Deputy Sheriffs H. A. Northrop and O. W. Studley, with Officer Eastman, hired a double team Sunday afternoon and went for a ride toward West Warren. They stopped at the residence of Israel Harness, better known as the "pool" house, near the West Warren line. As they were armed with a legal document authorizing them to search for spiritious beverages, they proceeded at once to work. After a short search they seized about two quarts of whisky, 14 bottles of beer and a full keg of the same limit, which hadn't been touched. Harness was arrested and brought to Palmer. He appeared in court Monday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal liquor selling. He was fined $50, which he paid. Harness promised to go out of the business, stay out, and allow no one else to sell liquor on his premises. Judge Robinson in his finding said that he believed that the son was more guilty than the father, and as he promised that the offense should not be repeated he would make the fine light. But he gave him warning that if he came before the court again on a similar charge, and was convicted, a heavy penalty would be given him

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Ernest Marsh spent Sunday with friends in Ware.

Mrs. Phetteplace will preach in the Advent chapel Sunday.

G. E. Buck has gone on a fishing trip to the Adirondacks

J. C. Wing is building an addition to his residence on Central street.

Mrs. H. L. Holden of New York is a guest at the home of H. P. Holden.

The King's Daughters met with Miss Jennie Brainerd this afternoon.

Mrs. A. M. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Moulton, in Biddeford, Me.

John Murphy, driver of the Converse House coach, has resigned his position.

Mrs. H. E. Ware of North Anson, Me., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. L. Bodfish.

Mrs. T. J. Keefe of Hudson was the guest of Miss Mae C. McDonald the first of the week.

J. B. Shaw has purchased a new Warwick tandem of E D. Tufts for the use of his family.

The junior class of the Palmer high school will give an entertainment next Friday evening.

Miss Nonie Dawson, waitress in the Nassowanno House, has resigned her position.

Rev. Omer G. Petrie of the Universalist church is contemplating a European trip this summer.

Miss Hattie Blanchard of Boston is a guest at the home of S. H. Hellyar on Thorndike street.

The Monson Academy athletic team will hold a practice meet on the Driving Park tomorrow afternoon.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. C. R. Minard will preach on "Better and best."

The drinking fountain has been the recipient of a new coat of paint, which adds somewhat to its beauty.

Porter Plympton has sold the Keith farm on the road to Warren to Mrs. Sarah A. Norton of Stamford, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ramsden were called to Connecticut this week by the death of Mrs. Ramsden's sister.

Miss Jennie Eastman, bookkeeper in W. E. Stone's store, has resigned her position to accept one in Springfield.

The Palmer high school ball team will play the Ware high school team on the Thorndike grounds to-morrow.

The Ladies' Social Union of the Universalist church will hold their annual strawberry festival next Thursday evening.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West exhibition at Springfield to-day was attended by quite a number of people from this village.

C. E. Fuller's horse, Pede, 19 years old, which has been in Mr. Fuller's possession many years, died last week from the colic.

M. D. Paige, the Three Rivers druggist, will be given a hearing in the district court to-morrow on the charge of illegal liquor keeping.

Look for our baseball news and account of the Palmer high school and Warren high school ball game in its regular place on the fourth page.

George Shaw has been very successful in his numerous hunts after the sly fox this season, having captured 40; 30 of them were taken alive.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church has papered, carpeted and otherwise refurnished their assembly room in the church.

An agent of the Fould Wheat Germ Food Company of Cincinnati, has been in town this week with one of the company's wagons advertising the food.

The Ladies' Society of the Congregational church packed a box of clothing this week which they sent to the colored people of Cotton Valley, Alabama.

John Helliwell, engineer on the Ware River freight, has taken charge of engine No. 207, filling the place made vacant by the death of the late Isaac Kenerson.

Dr. Robert F. Hovey has accepted the position of assistant house surgeon at the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital. He left Tuesday to commence his new duties.

J. P. Lynde has begun repairing his block damaged in the recent fire. J. H. Haynes has sold a large quanity of his stock which was also damaged by smoke and water.

New posts have been set by the section men in the fence running from the Main street bridge to the union station, to replace some which had rotted off near the ground.

Contractor G. W. Lyman has begun work making extensive alterations on the summer residence at Willoughby Pastures, recently purchased by J. H. Wesson of Springfield.

A woman while shopping in the jewelry store of E. S. Brooks Saturday fell in a faint, causing no little excitement. A physician was summoned and she was brought to after a short time.

F. J. Sibley, a former resident and an employe of E. A. Buck & Co., has recently been married. Mr. Sibley is at present engaged in the manufacture of shoes with his brother in Lynn.

Dewit Richards, express messenger on the Ware River road, who has been suffering recently with a severe attack of rheumatism, went Tuesday to the Massachusetts General Hospital at Boston for treatment.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "The demands of human brotherhood." In the evening the subject will be, "The voice of experience to the unhappy man."

The Woman's Relief Corps request that all having flowers which they wish to donate for the decoration of the graves of the soldiers on Memorial Day will bring them to Memorial Hall on Saturday, May 29th.

The Baptist Sunday school will give a Children's Day concert the second Sunday in June. Mrs. Dodge and Miss Lelah Fuller are the committee of arrangements, and Frank Washburn will have charge of the music.

A quartette composed of E. B. Taylor, William A. Weld, Rev. C. R. Minard and Charles Woods is rehearsing under the direction of Mr. Minard and will furnish music Memorial Day at the exercises in the various cemeteries.

The Grand Master of the state of Massachusetts will pay an official visit to Palmer lodge of Odd Fellows to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Every brother is earnestly requested to be present. At 4 o'clock he will visit Rebekah lodge in an official capacity.

The Lend-a-hand club of the Congregational church will give a strawberry festival in the church parlors at 6 30 this evening. Strawberries will be served in various appetizing styles. Recitations, vocal and instrumental music will also be given during the evening.

The Forest Lake Company is making preparations to entertain visitors at the Lake on Memorial Day. Among the attractions offered are dancing afternoon and evening, for which music will be furnished by Clark & Dean's orchestra. There will also be bowling, boating, etc.

The salad supper given by the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church Tuesday evening was well attended. An excellent supper was served. About $25 was cleared, which the union will contribute toward paying the expenses of a delegate to the national convention at Detroit this summer.

Mrs. Joseph Osher of Chicago, daughter of the late Pliny Cooley of Palmer, died at her home in that city Tuesday, the 11th. Mrs. Osher went to Chicago when a young woman and married John Osher, a wealthy packer at the stock yards. She was very prominent in religious and philanthropic circles.

Harry Chapman, who recently purchased Oak Knoll, reports that a young willow near the summer cottage has been stripped of its bark and other damage done to the tree, and while he has no objections to anyone visiting the Knoll, he would like to have all persons so doing be careful and not injure in any way the property.

J. W. Goss, an old war veteran living in the wire mill district, reports that yesterday morning he shot a crow at the top of a fifty-foot pine with a revolver while he was standing 60 feet from the tree. It was certainly quite a shot, made with a trusty revolver which he carried in the late war, with which he did great execution.

An offering will be made next Sunday morning in the Congregational church for the famine sufferers of India. Millions in that country are starving to death. It costs only a few cents a week to preserve a life and relieve the intensity of suffering. All who can contribute towards the relief of this distressing need are requested to bring or send their contributions to the morning service.

Judge George Robinson has been in New Hampshire this week as a witness in a $10,000 suit against a railroad brought by a man who was formerly in his employ. The judge also attended the anniversary of the Royal Arcanum in Boston the last of the week. Special Justices H. A. McFarland of Wales and J. B. Shaw of Palmer have presided in the district court during his absence.

J. M. Wilson, the mail contractor, of London, Ky, who has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail between Palmer and Fiskdale, was in town Wednesday for the purpose of sub-letting the contract. George Bros., who have carried the mail for the past four years, have declined to accept the contract for another term at Mr. Wilson's figures. Their present contract expires the first of June.

The senior class of the Palmer high school is making preparations for graduation. The class comprises thirteen members: Blanche Elizabeth Hellyar, Katherine Lincoln Buck, Nellie Gertrude Finerty, Emma Lockhart McFarlane, Ellen Teresa McMahon, Charles Kellogg Stone, Harold Wilson Brainerd, William James Morin, Albert Draper Shaw, Robert Converse Studley, Elmer Herbert Powell, Walter Ernest Tuthill, John Edward Learned.

Collins & Nixon of Springfield, representing the Pittsburg Bridge Company, have been awarded the contract to build the bridge over the canal in the village of Three Rivers for $690. Other bids received were as follows: Boston Bridge Works $699, Groton Bridge Manufacturing Company $714, Edgemore Bridge Works $711, Boston Iron and Bridge Company $729, Toledo Bridge Company $740, New Jersey Steel and Iron Company $745, King Bridge Company $790

The deputy fire marshall was in town Saturday investigating the cause of the recent fire in Lynde's block, and found that the fire was probably caused by rats and matches. The insurance adjusters were also here Saturday adjusting the losses. The loss to the building was adjusted at $633, stock in the store of J. H. Haynes at $625, which amounts are satisfactory to all parties. The loss to F. J. Wassum's tailoring establishment by smoke has also been satisfactorily settled, the figures not being given.

James Sullivan of Boston sat in the dock at the district court Wednesday morning with a regretful and sorrowful look on his countenance, waiting to plead to a charge of drunkenness, having been gathered in Monday by Officer Northrop. Sullivan did not have any money and wanted badly to be put on probation, and with this end in view, after he had pleaded guilty, he made the following little speech: "I want to say your Honor, that it is not often that liquor gets the best of me, but this time I fell. If you will let me off this time I will willingly sign the pledge and leave this city at once." But Judge McFarland decided that as he had pleaded guily it would be best to "let him off" with thirty days in the house of correction, which sentence Sullivan received and murmured not.

Lyman W. Sheldon and Miss Maud E. Hadley of Worcester were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Dr. L. H. Hendee on Pleasant street. Rev. F. E. Jenkins of the Congregational church performed the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. Sheldon is well known in town as the inspector of the telephone instruments connected with the Palmer exchange, which position he has held for several years, and his many friends will be glad to offer congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy union. Miss Hadley was formerly operator in the telephone exchange at Southbridge, where she was very popular with the patrons of the office. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon will reside for the present at the home of Dr. Hendee.

LAWYERS IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Representative Kenefick's Views Regarding their Numbers in that Body.

In last Sunday's Boston *Globe* appeared several articles written by members of the Legislature in answer to the question, "Are there too many lawyers in the Legislature?" Representative T. W. Kenefick of Palmer was one of the members asked to write his opinion, and the following letter is his answer to the question. It speaks for itself:

"This question is broad enough to apply to all legislators and legislatures, but inasmuch as very few of us know much, if anything, about the conditions prevailing in other states, I shall treat the question as applying to Massachusetts alone.

Propounded to a lawyer, who is a legislator, the question is a delicate one to answer. It compels him, in a way, to pass upon his own fitness for the place he occupies, and if he answers the inquiry in the negative, to assume the burden of demonstrating that fitness to the public.

Allowing at the outset that a legislature made up exclusively of lawyers would be long-winded and on the whole a thing not to be desired, I think it will be generally conceded that some lawyers are actually needed in every legislature, in order that in the passage of measures a proper regard may be had for existing laws, and for the technical phraseology of new laws. I would not claim that lawyers are the sole masters of the technical language of the law, or that bills prepared by them are always without flaw; but their training makes them more familiar than other men with the form and phrasing of laws, and therefore less liable to error in the preparation of bills. The fact that practically all bills at some stage or other in their progress are submitted to a man trained in the law for his revision or approval, is a recognition of this truth.

Assuming then that the presence of some lawyers in a legislature is, in a sense, a necessity, is it true that too many of them are elected under the political conditions of our state.

I think not.

The most frequent objection offered against the lawyers is that they talk too much. But it occurs to me that this objection is not often made in seriousness. During my experience in the legislature I have not once heard it said that a lawyer talked when talk was not required. It is not claimed that lawyers are not up to the average of legislators in point of ability. As a rule, they have enjoyed the advantage of a collegiate education, and come to the legislature with a good equipment for the work. They are specialists, to be sure, as are other professional men, but I believe the lawyer enjoys opportunities that no other professional man enjoys to put himself in touch with the people of all classes and learn of their thoughts and needs.

If he lives in a country town he has probably served upon the school board and become, to an extent, familiar with educational problems and the needs of the public schools. Either as town officer or counselor of town boards, he will have acquired a close acquaintance with matters pertaining to town government, and from the intimate relation existing between towns and counties, he must of necessity know much of county affairs.

Then the very relation of counsel to client, a relation of mutual friendship and confidence, brings him into close touch with a larger variety of interests than are opened to the view of other men.

On the whole, I believe no legislator approaches the task of making laws with a better knowledge of affairs in general or a better equipment for the work, than the lawyer who has had a few years' practice and kept his eyes and ears open.

I must therefore answer your query in the negative."

The Sons of Veterans' Side of the Billboard Matter.

Editor of the Journal:—In your issue of May 14 appeared an item concerning the action of Cross camp in our proceeding against Washburn's circus.

Contained therein were some statements that are at variance with the facts; we therefore ask you to publish the following in justice to all interested. Referring to the article, it reads: "April 29 the circus people posted their bills over some of these belonging to the Sons of Veterans," and after some further explanation, "but one belonging to the opera house, on the Feeney building on Central street, they covered without permisson;" thus leaving the readers of your paper to think that this one board was the only board covered without leave.

Now the plain facts are these: Mr. Washburn's bill posters covered every inch of our paper in the town, with the exception of a single stand at the opera house entrance. They never asked or secured the consent of owners of private boards to cover our paper or use the boards except the one owned by Mr. Converse, and one owned by C. A. Brown & Co. Those individuals who were unfortunate enough to own billboards are entirely innocent parties, and knew nothing regarding the matter until after the damage was done. We cannot consent to the inference that our remedy lay against these parties, nor on the other hand against the managers of the opera house, as some people seem to think. Mr. Washburn's agents were warned early in the day by one of the opera house managers not to cover their boards, as the house was billed for two succeeding nights. The other manager (Mr. Bray), was not approached in the matter until all the boards had been covered. The advice of these commentors on some questions may be first-class; however, we hesitate to act on their legal advice, especially in view of the fact that Washburn's manager, who is a lawyer of some 15 years' practice and a Harvard graduate, paid the amount agreed upon without protest and volunteered the statement that the claim was a just one.

This fact of itself proves the correctness of our legal proceedings, and that we looked to the proper source for whatever redress could be obtained.

Regarding the considerable amount of comment engendered as the result of the endeavor to secure our just and legal rights, we realize that our organization has some enemies, and that in every locality there are persons who seem to enjoy the discomfiture of local organizations, yet it is a glad thought that these people are in a very small minority, and their influence, whether for or against, cannot materially affect any honorable organization.

As Sons of Veterans we feel that it has been demonstrated that a camp of our order, or any reputable home organization, have rights which even circus men and their friends are bound to respect. This is of some value to all the Massachusetts camps, if not to some others. Of one thing we feel assured, namely, it will not be necessary to warn other billposters to respect our paper should a similar occasion again arise.

Respectfully yours,
LESLIE H. HENDEE, chairman entertainment committee, Camp 136.

New Fiction in the Public Library.

The following is a list of the new books of fiction recently put into circulation at the public library:

Sm6 About giants. Smithson
A124a Adventures of Jimmy Brown. Alden
L25a Animal story book. Lang
H39a At Agincourt. Henty
Sp33 At the sign of the guillotine. Spender
J67h Black diamonds. Jokai
P88b Book of martyrs. Pratt
Ed3 Castle Rackrent Edgeworth
An75 'Cension. Austin
L64 Cinder-patch tales. Lindsey
Sm54e Colonel Carter of Cartersville. Smith
W58 Coming of Theodora. White
J55cu Country of the pointed firs. Jewett
H24td Daddy Jake the runaway. Harris
K58d Deserter, the. King
Ou4d Dog of Flanders. Ouida
B219e Eugenie Grandet. Balzac
C629 Fireside stories old and new. Coates 3 v
P42f Flock of girls and boys. Perry
K58fo Foes in Ambush. King
F62f For plain women only. Fleming
Sa5f Francois the waif. Sand
Sm54g Gentleman vagabond. Smith
R52 Governor's garden. Rivers
C87gr Gray man. Crockett
H77h Heart of the Princess Asra. Hope
Sh42 His brother's keeper. Sheldon.
L91 Iceland fisherman. Loti
K581 Initial experience. King.
L982 Land o' the leal. Lyall, David
D7481 Little girl in old New York. Douglas
B2751 Little minister. Barrie
B811 Little Miss Phoebe Gay. Brown
B885 Love in old clothes. Bunner
M695 Love in the backwoods. Mitchell
G94 Lover's Saint Ruth's. Guiney
B219m Magic skin. Balzac
W63m Marm Liza. Wiggin
M35 Master of the musicians. Marshall
C18 Mistress of Brae Farm. Carey
St6m Mrs. Cliff's Yacht. Stockton
St3 On the face of the water. Steele
H390 On the Irrawady. Henty
Si15 "Quo vadis." Sienkiewicz
C655 Regleides, The. Cogswell
D77r Rodney Stone. Doyle
T39 Ruth Prentice. Thorne
B275s Sentimental Tommy. Barrie
M229 Silk of the Kine. McManus
W213t Sir George Tressady. Ward 2v.
H24ls Sister Jane. Harris
K62so Soldier stories. Kipling
K584 Soldier's secret. King
R39s "Some say." Richards
J34 Some unconventional people. Jebb
K58st Starlight ranch. King
F98 Stories of a sanctified town. Furman
T85 Story of a baby. Turner
D32 Story of Hannah. Dawson
K58sa Sunset pass. King
P312 Tales of the masque. Pearce
C85t Taquisara. Crawford 2v.
T59t Three young continentals. Tomlinson
M92t Through swamp and glade. Munroe
J67t Timar's two worlds. Jokai
W835 Tommy-Anne and the three hearts. Wright
Ou4t Two little wooden shoes. Ouida
K58n Under fire. King.
B412 Under side of things. Bell
H223n Under the greenwood tree. Hardy
Y8u Unknown to history. Yonge
C542 Victory of Ezry Gardner. Clark
M228w Washer of the ford. Macleod
Sm54w White umbrellas in Mexico. Smith
H39wl With Cochrane the dauntless. Henty,

THREE RIVERS.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The lecture announced for next Tuesday evening at the Baptist church will be given by Rev. Herbert J. White of Boston. Subject, "Four men under one hat."

THORNDIKE.

John Moran has gone to Waterbury, Ct., to work.

Miss Emma Samson is quite ill at her home on Church street.

A social dance will be held in Exchange Hall this evening.

R. L. Bond is building a shed in the rear of his Exchange block.

P. Connor of Cohoes, N. Y., has returned to town to visit friends.

Miss Nellie Murphy has returned from her visit with friends in Worcester.

A Polish wedding party from Three Rivers will dance in Union Hall to-morrow.

Mrs. E. W. Andrews is visiting friends in Orange, and will be gone about a week.

M. G. Roche is home from college, and is spending his vacation with his parents.

T. J. Cifford was called to Worcester on Tuesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

A number from this place went to Springfield to-day to see Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.

E. R. Chabbott has moved his family this week to Winchendon Springs, where he is employed.

Work has been resumed this week on N. W. Bond's mill in the rear of the B. and A. station.

George Matthews and family will soon leave for Canada, where they will remain for a couple of months.

Mrs. Daniel P. Flynn of Pittsfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKelligett, of Gay avenue.

Charlie Matthews and Nicola Gillon went to Spencer on Sunday to visit friends, making the trip on their wheels.

John Bradshaw of Willimantic, salesman for Durkee, Styles and Co., was the guest of relatives in town on Sunday.

Thomas J. Moran and D. F. Sullivan attended the Knights of Columbus banquet at Ware on Monday evening.

Moses Lafarar and family of this place have moved to Forest Lake, where Mr. Lafarar will assume charge of the grist and saw mill.

A party was held at the home of E. R. Chabbott on Saturday evening. Refreshments were served, and a general good time prevailed.

John Hutchinson, who has been employed as second-hand in the spinning and beaming department at the No. 2 mill, has been promoted to the position of overseer. Thomas Hutchingson has taken the position of second-hand.

Thomas Richmond, 54, died at his home on the Mooers farm Tuesday morning after an illness of several years. The deceased leaves a widow and two children. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, the burial being in the cemetery at Four Corners.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. McIntire has moved into the Saddler farm on the Belchertown road.

George W. Hillman of Northampton visited friends here over Sunday.

Miss Jennie Bray of Palmer was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. D. Holden, Sunday.

Miss Sawtell's music class held a musicale at the home of Miss May Hamblin Saturday afternoon.

The Epworth League will hold a special business meeting this evening at the home of E. E. Ryther.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Parent and Olin Parent spent Sunday with Miss Ora Parent at Northampton.

Arthur Roy, who recently moved his family here from Springfield, moved back to the city Monday.

Several local enthusiasts will take in the Amherst-Dartmouth games at Amherst to-day and to-morrow.

Earl O'Regan, a former resident, was in the village Tuesday. He has lately been employed in Lowell.

Daniel Sullivan, catcher of the Amherst ball team, was at his home a couple of days the first of the week.

Miss Mary Quirk of South Hadley Falls is at the home of her parents, taking a vacation made necessary by ill health.

The Ideal Minstrels are advertised to appear in Liberty Hall this evening. The entertainment is to be followed by a social dance.

Mr. E. A. Thomas of the Three Rivers Baptist church occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church Sunday, exchanging with the pastor, Rev. R. E. Smith.

A considerable improvement has been made in the interior of the Methodist parsonage. Three rooms have been newly papered on walls and ceilings, and picture mouldings put up.

O. B. Smith of Northampton, formerly agent of the Boston Duck Co., and his daughter, Miss Gertrude, have been the guests of Mrs. E. C. Russell yesterday and to-day.

The entire mill, with the exception of the bleaching and dyeing departments, was shut down Monday afternoon and Tuesday forenoon by the breaking of a large shaft in the weave room.

Mrs. E. C. Russell, Miss Thayer and Miss Cleveland were the guests of Professor and Mrs. James B. Page at Amherst last Saturday. They took a trip through both colleges, and had a very enjoyable day.

Louis Monat has received a fine line of picture mouldings and is prepared to take orders for framing pictures of all kinds. He has on hand over one hundred samples of different mouldings, some of them being very handsome.

It was expected that Michael Sullivan, who is at the House of Mercy hospital in Springfield, would be able to return home this week, but he has not been as well as expected, and could not be moved.

T. D. Potter & Co. have nearly completed the new house they have been building on Pleasant street. Both tenements have been rented, one to H. C. Morgan and the other to H. L. Ryther, both of whom will probably move about June first.

Several dogs have met their fate suddenly of late by unexpected immersion in the river. By the number of miserable curs seen around the streets, several more should meet the same fate. Probably not half the dogs in the village have ever been licensed.

Lewis R. Holden and family started Monday for a week's vacation, which they are spending with Mrs. Holden's parents in Bernardston. Mr. Holden carried his fishing rod with him, and will probably have some good stories to tell on his return.

There is to be a strawberry festival in the vestry of the M. E. church next Wednesday evening. The ladies of Bondsville have always been famous for their strawberry short-cakes, and will doubtless keep up their reputation this year. An entertainment will follow.

A gang of men have been working the past week taking up and cleaning the sewer pipe in front of the Shea and Moriarty block. The manholes were completely covered, and the pipes were so blocked up that no water could get through, the road being considerably washed during the late rains.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell, 87, an old resident of this place, died at her home on High street Wednesday night. She leaves two grandchildren, Patrick J. and Mary Fitzgerald. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and a high mass will be celebrated by Rev. B. McKeany at St. Bartholomew's church. The interment will be in Thorndike.

Otis Sedgwick pitched a great game for Brown University against Holy Cross Tuesday at Providence. Holy Cross could not hit Sedgwick "a little bit," and made only one run, in the ninth inning, while Brown piled up nine runs. It is probable that Sedgwick will have to do considerable of the pitching, as Brady and Dunn, two of the pitchers, have been suspended, and Summersgill seems to be out of condition, while Otis appears to be in fine form.

Some of the Polish residents seem to be getting interested in real estate, and it would not be surprising if before long they owned considerable property in this country. M. Piscaguaski has bought the Matthew Gloster farm in the northern part of the town, paying $1200. It is said he will divide part of the land into building lots and dispose of them to other Poles. Another Pole, Martin Kos, has bought a house and lot on the hill for $1100 from John Sullivan. It is only a few years since Kos applied to the overseers of the poor for assistance, and received considerable aid from them.

WAR between the Greeks and Turks will be suspended for the next seventeen days, an armistice to that effect having been concluded yesterday.

THERE'S nothing small about Turkey's demands regarding the price to be paid her for the closing of the war with Greece. It is only $43,000,000 and the whole of Thessaly.

THE United States Senate yesterday afternoon, by a vote of 41 to 14, passed a resolution recognizing a state of war between Spain and the insurgents in Cuba, declaring that strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States. What the House will do with it remains to be seen.

WHILE there can be no doubt but that bicycle riding is a benefit when properly indulged in, the fascination in the art which leads to over-indulgence or unwise exertion should be carefully guarded against. A Boston man of 59, an enthusiastic wheelman, dropped dead Sunday from the effects of attempting to climb a hill.

TRULY the world is made up of peculiar people. A Tolland man last week sued the town of Tolland for the expenses of his mother's funeral, she having been a town pauper and cared for at his house for some time at the expense of the town until she died. Then he wanted the town to pay the funeral expenses and some extras which he had charged up.

THERE is a good prospect that the Boston navy yard will before long be the possessor of a dry dock capable of floating the largest vessels, Secretary Long having recommended the construction of one 700 feet in length at that place. The New England coast being more exposed than any other to foreign invasion, he thinks the commercial interests of that region should not be dependent on the dry dock at New York, so recommends the building of docks at Boston and at Portsmouth, N. H., the former to be first constructed.

IT IS reported that President McKinley feels that the protection of American interests in Cuba demands some action by this country toward ending the war, and that he will make a move in this direction before long. It cannot be made any too soon. Little or no regard has been shown for American lives or property by the commander of the Spanish forces in Cuba, and his compelling of all not actually taking part in the war on one side or the other to concentrate in the cities has deprived many Americans of means of support, and there are 800 suffering for food and the necessaries of life. Congress has been asked to aid them, and $50,000 has been voted with which to send them food, which the Spanish general has said may be distributed. It is becoming plainer every day that the island will never be conquered by Spain; she has 200,000 troops there and has made no progress in two years. Why, in the name of humanity, allow the cruelties acknowledged to exist there, to continue longer?

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 19th, by Rev. F. E. Jenkins, Lyman W. Sheldon and Maud E. Hadley of Worcester.
At Ware, 16th, by Rev. James Boyle, James McArdle and Ann Gleason.

DIED.

At Bondsville, 19th, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, 87.
At Thorndike, 18th. Thomas Richmond, 54.
At Ware, 15th, Clara, 9, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Ryan.
At Chicago, 11th, Mrs. Joseph Osher, daughter of the late Pliny Cooley of Palmer.

WANTED at the Telephone Exchange, a Sunday operator. 8-1

FOR SALE.—A desirable barn on Pleasant street. 8-3 MRS. A. LOOMIS.

FOUR-CAN COOLEY CREAMER for sale; capacity, 8 cows. G. W. LENT, Palmer.

LOT Second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. 6-13 GEORGE W. LYMAN, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

FOR SALE.—A 3-burner, New Process Gasoline Stove. Double-seated Canopy Top Buggy. 8-tf H. CHAPMAN, Pine street.

BICYCLE TIRES $5 Pair, best '97's, full guarantee. MINERALIZED RUBBER CO., New York. Agents wanted. 6-8

EGGS FOR HATCHING—from prize winning Barred Plymouth Rocks. 4-tf RALPH LeGRO, Palmer.

I WISH to purchase for cash, Old United States and Revenue Stamps. Address, H. W. McGREGORY, 32-tf Box C, Palmer, Mass.

TO RENT.—The very desirable property known as Randall estate, suitable for either one or two tenements, with good barn, with or without land. Inquire of GEORGE E. BUCK, at E. A. Buck & Co's. Hardware Store. 4-tf

BICYCLES REPAIRED,
Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of Light Machine Work done.
GEO. B. KENERSON, Park St., Palmer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mary A. Gago, late of Monson, in the County of Hampden, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
JOHN CROSS, Administrator.
Monson, Mass., May 5th, 1897. 8-3

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Charles E. Mason of Webster and Miland D. Paige of Palmer, under the name of Paige & Mason, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
Miland D. Paige will retain the business and all bills against said firm will be paid by him, and all bills due to said firm will be payable to him.
Three Rivers, Mass., April 30, 1897.
CHARLES E. MASON,
8-1 MILAND D. PAIGE.

HEADQUARTERS L. L. MERRICK POST, No. 107, G. A. R.
GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

Since last we performed the sacred and solemn duty of decorating the graves of our sleeping comrades, many more have slacked their arms on this side of the river, have crossed over and are now "resting under the shade of the trees." We, who are still assigned to duty here by the Great Commander, must close together, fill up the ranks as of old, and once more strew the fairest flowers—the tokens of a country's affection—upon the grassy mounds of the fallen heroes.

Members of the Post, soldiers and sailors, are requested to met at Memorial Hall, May 31st, at 8 o'clock a. m., to form a line of march to the different cemeteries. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend services in Memorial Hall at 2 o'clock p. m.
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H. S. HOBSON, Adjt.

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Ladies' Dongola Button, Needle Toe, Patent Tip, Dongola and Cloth Top, former price $3.00,
SALE PRICE $2.25.
Ladies' Russet Oxfords, Needle and Opera Toe, former price $2.00,
SALE PRICE $1.00.
Ladies' Russet Oxfords,
60c PAIR,
Reduced from 85c.
Men's Heavy Shoes, Lace or Congress, former price, $2.25 and 2.50,
SALE PRICE $1.75.
Men's Calf Lace or Congress Shoes, Needle Toe, former price $2.50,
SALE PRICE $2.00.
Men's Patent Leather Lace Shoes, Needle Toe, former price $3.50,
SALE PRICE $2.75.

A. B. COWAN,
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.

20 lbs. Fine Granulated Sugar,	$1
York State Pea Beans, 7c qt., 4 qts.,	25c
5 lb. pail Jelly,	25c
5 lb. box fresh packed Belchertown Creamery Butter,	$1.15
Washburn & Crosby's Superlative Flour, there is none better,	$5
White Loaf Flour, the best St. Louis milled,	$5
A good Coffee,	25c
The best Coffee,	38c
A good Tea,	29c
My line of Teas is not surpassed in this vicinity.	
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Tells P. Bonsquet to George F. Wilson, dated October 19, 1896, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, book 547, page 154, will be sold at public auction for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on the premises hereinafter described, on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1897, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:

A certain tract of land situate in Thorndike village in Palmer, Hampden County and state of Massachusetts, and bounded: Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the southerly bank or side of the road leading from said Thorndike village by the house of the late Jacob Stever, being the northeasterly corner bounded by land formerly of the late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 28° west on line of said road or highway ninety (90) feet to a stone set in the ground; thence south 60° west to a stone set in the ground on the Thorndike Company's line; thence south 52½° east on said Thorndike Company's line ninety (90) feet to the line of land formerly of the said late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 60° east on said Hendricks's line to the first mentioned bound.

Reserving the right which the Thorndike Company have of a right of way through the lower end of said land.

The buildings on said land consist substantially of a two-story frame house of four convenient tenements, and appurtenances thereto, and known as the Wilson house.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments.

For further particulars inquire of Homer C. Strong, Palmer, Mass.

$600 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale; one-half the balance in six months from the time of sale, and one-half the balance in one year from the time of sale.

GEORGE F. WILSON, present holder of said mortgage.
7-3 By HOMER C. STRONG, his Attorney.

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Eggs, nearby......15c dozen
Heinz's Celebrated Pickles in bulk—Plain, Mixed, Sweet Mixed, Chow Chow.
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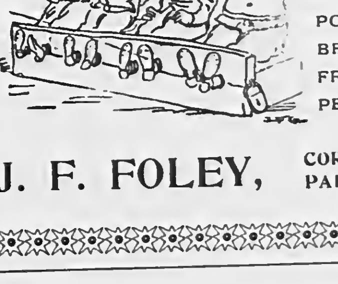

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

For Sale, very cheap, a low-down phaeton in prime order. Inquire of Peter Ward, at R. M. Reynolds's stable.

Horse and Wagon Stolen.

A. M. Guilford had the misfortune to have his horse, buggy, harness and two robes stolen from his barn early Monday morning. Mr. Guilford arose about 3 o'clock in the morning intending to do some plowing, when he discovered his loss. He at once notified the selectmen and with them and Merrill Carew started in pursuit. They traced the outfit over East Hill towards Brimfield, and from there Guilford and Carew followed it through Brimfield, Southbridge and Charlton to within ten miles of Worcester, where all trace was lost. The team was easily traced to there by the wagon, which tracked four inches narrower than an ordinary wagon. It was seen by a man employed at a hotel in Charlton, who thought it was between four and five o'clock when it passed through there. The man in the team answered the description of a man who called at Mr. Guilford's house the night before and asked for work, and was probably the same one. The authorities in the surrounding towns have been notified, and will keep a sharp lookout.

Mrs. W. H. King is ill with the measles.

Henry Miller spent Sunday with friends in Worcester.

Frank Ritter is seriously ill at his home on Pearl street.

Mrs. Hollis Weld of Westboro is visiting at W. A. Needham's.

Mrs. Patrick Herlihy of Holyoke is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Delphine Osborne has returned from a visit in Easthampton.

George L. Keeney spent Sunday with relatives in New Hartford, Ct.

Charles P. Ramsay of New London spent Sunday with friends in town.

Elmer E. Thompson is painting Dr. N. W. Rand's house on Main street.

Mrs. W. A. Needham has returned from a visit with friends in Westfield.

Rev. F. S. Hatch will preach next Sunday morning on "Miracles and law."

Mrs. S. J. Beckley is having her residence on Bridge street newly shingled.

Mrs. A. H. Bennett and son Harold are spending a few days in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Cook returned Saturday from their wedding trip.

Robert P. Wallace has been spending a few days with friends in Norwich.

Miss Ida Musgrave of New York is visiting at the home of S. F. Cushman, Jr.

Mrs. Charles McMaster is spending a few days with friends in West Warren.

Arthur Field has taken the position of coachman with Mrs. E. L. Coburn.

J. H. Thompson, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is able to be out again.

Miss Kittie H. Marble of Somerset is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank L. Shaw.

Mrs. Henry Wentworth has returned from a visit with relatives in Windsor, Vt.

Henry Wentworth returned Monday from a visit to his old home in Skowhegan, Me.

Arthur H. Orcutt attended a ball given at the new armory in Springfield last Friday.

Erving Markham of Longmeadow spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Markham on Main street.

Artist Peterson and family of Chicago have arrived at the Century House for the summer.

Lawyer Dana and William L. Ricketts took a bicycle run to West Warren last Saturday.

Mrs. E. V. Tanner of Springfield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Parsons, on Main street.

Mrs. S. F. Putman of Northampton is visiting at Miss Sarah E. Bradford's on Main street.

Mrs. Lorenzo Hutchinson is spending a week with her son, Dr. A. F. Robinson, in Mansfield.

The kindergarten has been obliged to close on account of the small attendance caused by the measles.

Miss Lena Merrick and Mrs. Carrie McNulty have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Merrick of Springfield.

E. G. Rogers has severed his connection with Heimann & Lichten, and returned to his home in Melrose Highlands.

Arthur Bousie of Stafford has taken a position as barber for W. S. Murphy, in the place of Harry Niebuhr, resigned.

Mr and Mrs. Rufus Aldrich have returned from West Upton, where they have been employed during the winter in a hat factory.

A mail chorus of about thirty voices, under the direction of A. D. Norcross, will furnish part of the music for Memorial Day.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Methodist church will hold a sociable and supper in the vestry of the church next Friday.

Miss Minnie Ellthrope, who has been quite ill at H. D. Osborne's for the past few weeks, was removed to her home in Stafford Monday.

The plans for the No. 2 engine house have been drawn by Architect John Lynch, and are now in the hands of the board of engineers.

Myron Blanchard has resigned his position at R. M. Reynolds's hat factory, and accepted a position as clerk in a grocery store in Amherst.

The contract for building Leonard G. Cushman's house on Harrison avenue was awarded to F. F. Maguire, instead of T. J. Hynes, as was reported.

Instead of having essays at the commencement exercises of the Academy this year, an oration will be delivered by Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D. D., of Springfield.

Joseph C. Fenner, baker for Henry N. Butler, has resigned his position and will go to Springfield Monday, where he is to have charge of a bake shop on State street.

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Owing to the great demand for something cheap in men's

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Rev. Harry Blackford will take for the subject of his sermon Sunday morning at the Universalist church: "Lessons from the lives of the leaders of the early church."

George G. Marten of Springfield, a prestidigitator has been engaged by the Athletic Association to assist in the Elvie Burnett entertainment this evening in Memorial Hall.

The regular meeting of A. A Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, will be held next Tuesday evening. All members are requested to be present, as a portion of the evening will be given to drilling.

The ladies of the Universalist church will give a strawberry supper next Friday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. They are endeavoring to raise money to concrete the walk about the church.

The teachers of the ungraded schools held a meeting Saturday afternoon in the school committee's room in Memorial Hall at which Miss Converse conducted a class in geography from grade 7.

Harry Needham, G. F. Ball, Ralph Morris, J. B. Glover, Harry Miller, Arthur H. Orcutt and F. W. Cooper attended the field meet at Westfield last Saturday. Most of them went on bicycles, but they didn't all return that way.

Arthur H. Bennett has purchased of the heirs of the late Sullivan Nichols the residence and adjoining land on North Main street, and will take possession soon. The land is well located, and large enough to make a number of good building lots.

Mrs. Bela B. Tiffany, about 60, of India, Pa , daughter of Dwight Moulton of Monson, died at her home Wednesday. She was well known in India, where she had lived about 30 years, and leaves many friends to regret her death. The funeral services were held to-day.

Ena F., 13 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Stebbins, died at 10 o'clock Wednesday night of convulsions. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of the parents in the west part of the town, and was attended by Rev. Harry Blackford.

Corey F. Wood, superintendent of the Saint Paul Universalist Sunday school of Springfield, gave an interesting talk last evening in the Universalist church on the work and method of the graded Sunday school. The society is thinking of adopting this method of teaching.

The case against Martin Dorset for disturbing the school in district No. 2 was taken before the district court in Palmer Monday. Dorset was found guilty and sent to the house of correction for thirty days. His family has been transferred to the town farm.

Three young men, well known in the upper part of the town, went fishing to Smith's pond one day last week and reported fine luck. All would have been well if their stories had agreed as to the number caught, and it hadn't become known they were forbidden fishing in that pond after their long walk there.

William A. Flebut, formerly of Monson, was quite seriously injured in Amherst Tuesday. Mr. Flebut was moving his household goods when one of the shafts fell upon the horse's heels, frightening it so that it ran, throwing Flebut out and dragging him some distance, injuring him so that he was obliged to be carried home.

A hearing on the celebrated Lyon will case was held before Judge Morton at Boston Tuesday on motion of the contestant's lawyers, who requested that the trial be postponed, instead of being held next week, as they did not have sufficient time to prepare their case. The judge did not grant their request, and the case will be heard in Springfield next week.

The Andrew Davis will case, in which Henry Davis of this place is interested, is liable to be brought before the public again. Edwin Stoddard, formerly of Chicopee, who is serving a term of ten years in the penitentiary at Trenton, N. J., for forgery, claims that he knows of a genuine will. If this proves true a settlement may yet be made of the large fortune of eleven million dollars, although the lawyers have spent over one million in trying to find the legal heirs.

There will be a good citizenship meeting at Memorial Hall next Thursday evening. Dr. Kneeland of Boston will speak on "Good citizenship and Sunday observance." Everybody is invited. The Sunday Protection League was organized to give every man a free Sunday. Among its managers are Bishop Foster, Dr. Lorimer, President Capen, Father Scully, Father Bodfish, Prof. Peabody of Harvard University and Gen. Hawley. Senator Hoar is president, and Dr. Kneeland secretary.

The public is looking forward to May 25th with unusual interest, when Dr. G. H. Howard, pianist and director of the Boston Conservatory of Music, and Alma Forrest Holmes, the talented lady pianist, will appear here in concert assisted by Miss Eva G. Baker, soprano, and Miss Mary Coleman, alto, of Boston. It is not very often Monson people are favored with two such musicians as Dr. Howard and his pupil, Alma Holmes, and they should avail themselves of this opportunity. Prof. J. S R Coy will assist the company as accompanist.

BRIMFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugan of Montague spent Sunday here with their daughter, Miss Edith, a teacher in the high school.

J. L. Bacon, Jr., has returned from Philadelphia, where be was graduated from the Hahnemann medical college with honors.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Landis of Randolph, Ia., visited here last Friday. Mrs Landis formerly lived here and is a graduate of the Hitchcock Free High School.

WILBRAHAM.

The annual reception given by the juniors of Wesleyan Academy to the graduating class was held in Fisk Hall Monday evening. H. B. Loomis and Miss C. E Hutchinson received. The hall was tastefully decorated with purple and white flowers, colors of the class. Refreshments were served, and the affair was a success in every way.

Church Gets a Bequest.

By the will of the late A. L. Stebbins of Ware, which was filed in the office of the register of probate Monday, the First Congregational church of Wilbraham is bequeathed the sum of $2000.

WEST WARREN.

John Carey left for Cambridge Tuesday.

Oney St. Germain will begin his new duties at Ware next Monday.

Mrs. William Ham of Springfield spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs John Shaw.

Masters Clifford Shaw and John Milligan of Palmer spent Saturday at Mrs. John Shaw's.

William Benson's son Willie died of pneumonia Tuesday afternoon, having been sick only a week.

Appropriate exercises were held in the M. E. church Sunday evening, the eighth anniversary of the Epworth League.

Drug Store Burned.

Sunday morning at 1.30 o'clock a fire was discovered in the Keith drug store on Main street, and the fire department from Warren was summoned. The stock was a total loss, about $3000; insured for $2000. Damage to the building was about $1000. The post office, J. E. Walsh's tin shop and William Clark's variety store, all in the same block, sustained some damage from smoke and water.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. Manee of Boston is the guest of her son, Rev. A. H. Manee.

Melvin Bardwell has bought the place owned by Mrs. Lyman Harvey.

The new bell for the high school building has arrived. It weighs 240 pounds.

Mrs. R. E. Fairchild and son Jasper, of Norwich, Ct., are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lyman of Northampton have arrived at their Belchertown home for the season.

Captain John Anderson will speak before the Massachusetts Veteran Association at Worcester, June 17th.

Amherst Grange visited Belchertown Grange Tuesday evening and furnished the evening's entertainment.

The women of the Methodist church held a sociable at the home of Mrs. Oliver Shannon Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alfred Heath of South Framingham has been called home by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Dorman.

Mrs. J. R. Gould and Mrs. Martin L. Hastings have gone to Coventry, Ct., having been called there by the illness of their sister.

Mr. Everson and family of New York are expected in town the last of this month. They will occupy the house of Everett Clapp on South Main street.

Rev. C. E Bruce, a former pastor of this town, has left the ministry and taken charge of the *Union Country Courier*, published in Elk Point, South Dakota.

Rev. Mr. Tenney of the Massachusetts State Temperance Society will give a temperance talk at a union service in the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

Indications at present point to a large fruit crop, apple and the smaller fruit trees giving promise of a large yield. Farmers have begun planting, and are much pleased with prospect of the hay crop.

WALES.

Mrs George Mandigo is critically ill, and her recovery is doubtful.

A. A. Cobbett of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly a merchant here, is visiting old friends of this place.

Special Justice McFarland has been holding court in Palmer this week, in the absence of Judge Robinson.

Sudden Death.

Chester H. Vinton of Dudley, formerly a blacksmith in this town, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his boarding place. He had come here to work a few days for Frank Town at blacksmithing, but had been feeling quite indisposed for a week. He visited the doctor Monday for treatment, and was found to be in the last stages of pneumonia and heart failure, being advised to return home at once. He had been a very strong, able-bodied man, but had broken himself down by the use of liquor. The body was taken to his home in Dudley.

Silver Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Worth celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage Monday evening at their home on Church street. About forty invited guests were present, and had a very delightful time. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Many valuable presents were presented the happy pair. The visiting was interspersed with singing and speaking, most of which was done by a bachelor minister, who unconsciously let out the fact that he was not quite satisfied with his manner of living. The guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs H E Steele, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Switzer, Mr. and Mrs William McKeon, F. M. Royce and wife, H. H. Hall, James Patterson and wife, H. Shaw and E. wife, and daughter Winnona, Dr and Mrs. F. E. Ross, R Hildreth and wife, William Bedford, J. C. Burley and wife, and daughter Anna, Fred Watts and wife, Misses Edith and Dora Hildreth, Master Leodell Hildreth, C. M. Taylor and wife, Miss Cora Needham, Ernest Watts, Masters Farrar and Willie Watts, Mrs. T. Warrington, W. A. Lyon and wife, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Miss Emma Warrington, H. A. McFarland.

George Steene has purchased a trotter of Worcester parties.

WARREN.

Mrs. George Shumway has returned home.

H. E. Reed has been appointed local consul of the L. A. W.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. George DeLaval this afternoon.

Mr. Keenan has exchanged his pair of black horses for a pair of roans.

The surveyors are at work this week on the electric line to West Warren.

Mr. Canning of Lowell spent Sunday in town, the guest of Wilson Fairbank.

Mrs. Charles Comins is in Brattleboro the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. K Whitaker.

Edward Fairbanks and George Shumway have gone on a fishing trip to the Adirondacks.

Mr. Darling's house is nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy by the first of July.

The Brookfield Medical Club held its regular meeting at Hotel Ramsdell Wednesday afternoon.

The boiler at the Warren Pump Works is nearly set up, and work is progressing in other lines.

Miss Esther Holmes and Miss Mabel Anderson of Monson were the guests of Miss Edith Chadsey Thursday.

The body of Frank Cahill of Springfield, a former resident of West Warren, was brought here for burial yesterday.

The junior class of the high school will give a cake sale at the house of Danforth Keyes on Bacon street this evening.

Mrs. Henry Chadsey of Chicago is expected home to-day. She will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are stopping in town, and will probably take up a permanent residence here. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them.

A special town meeting will be held the 29th to see if the town will vote to contract with the highway commission to build a section of road between this village and West Warren.

Steamer company No. 1 was out for practice last evening. They left the engine house and in seven minutes had a stream of water playing near the Slater Company's works, a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

The Christian Endeavor Society gave a very pleasant social Thursday evening. The entertainment took the form of an advertising party. A musical programme was pleasingly rendered, and a very enjoyable evening was the result.

The Knowles steam pump works shut down all their machinery Tuesday night, except that in the carpenter shop and finishing room of the brass foundry. About 100 tons of small stock is being prepared to be shipped to East Cambridge. The number of employes is now reduced to 25, and but few of these will remain after this week.

WARE.

Charles Coutante has resigned his position as clerk in the Mansion House.

F. Bonin has sold his shoe making business to T. Bourget of Worcester. Mr. Bonin has moved to Canada, where he owns a farm.

Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer, will spend two weeks here next month and open a series of temperance lectures in the town hall June 5.

Rev. J. P. Leary is making arrangements to hold the annual festival in the town hall June 8, the proceeds of which go toward paying off the new All Saint's church debt.

The remaining building lots on the Gould estate on West Main street were sold at auction Saturday. Some of the lots were sold at a good price, the average being about $50 per lot. One was sold for $12.

W. E. Sullivan, the former manager of Hayes & Carpenter's broker office, who was arrested for embezzlement and not being able to furnish the required bail was sent to jail, has been bailed out by the treasurer of Bristol county.

Council 183, Knights of Columbus, of Ware, held a meeting Monday, when about 60 members from out-of-town councils were present. District Deputy T. W. Kenny of Holyoke worked the third degree on 22 candidates. After the exercises a banquet was served in the Storrs House.

James McArdle and Miss Ann Gleason were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. P. Leary at All Saints' church. The best man was P. S. Dewney, and Miss Elizabeth Fargusen, a neice of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. McArdle will begin housekeeping on Pleasant street.

Clara, 9, daughter of Dr. and Mrs D. M. Ryan, died at her home on Bank street Saturday of appendicitis, after a few days' illness. The funeral was held Monday from All Saints' church with high mass. Many village people were present, as well as people from out of town. The schoolmates of Miss Ryan, in charge of Miss Sibley, the teacher, attended in a body. Burial took place in St. William's cemetery.

A special town meeting was held in the town hall last Friday evening, Lewis N. Gilbert presiding. It was voted to buy a stone crushing plant at a cost of $3000, which the town treasurer was instructed to borrow at interest not to exceed 5 per cent, payable in six years. It was voted that the prudential committee and the selectmen make a contract with E. P. Morse for the purchase of trap rock. The voters refused to consider the article to see if the town would rescind the vote of the March town meeting to pay the board of assessors $2 50 a day. Quite a warm debate was held on the article to raise $4000 for ventilation of the West street school building. Some wanted to buy a new lot and put up a new building, while others thought it would be advisable to make changes in the present building. A. Tucker, Rev. James Boyle and Frank M. Sibley were appointed a committee to consider the matter and report at a special meeting which will be held soon.

The Westfield (Ind.) *News* prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvey, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider the of best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

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Now supposing you had a weak back,
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Mrs. John Kimball, of Fox avenue, says:—"I know that Doan's Kidney Pills are a splendid kidney remedy from the way that they relieved me of a terrible backache and pain in my head I have not had any of those very dizzy spells, that used to come over me, particularly if I were doing anything that required bending forward. On retiring at night I would not be in bed very long when my back would begin aching, and I could not sleep. Now I sleep well and I do not have pains in my head or in my back since taking the treatment. Before I made up my mind to go to LeGro & Lynde, the druggists. for Doan's Kidney Pills, I had not a great deal of faith in them, but now I can say they are a faithful medicine, from my own experience, and I highly recommend them."

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The Massage Cup will do for the face, when properly applied, by contracting and relaxing the muscles, what exercise will do for the other parts of the body.

If you would have a pinkish complexion, if you would like a face plump and rosy, if you would like to remove that "horrid" wrinkle, send one dollar to us and we will mail you the great "MASSAGE FACE CUP," with full directions for its use. Remember you can have your money back if you say so.

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Several pieces of Fine Gros Grain Silk, 21 inches wide, worth $1.50—in this sale 89c yard !

Two hundred yards of rich Faille, full 24 inches wide, worth $1.50—in this sale 95c yard !

Hundred and fifty yards of Peau de Soie, rich, thick and soft, 21 inches wide, worth $1.50—in this sale 95c yard !

Several pieces of Peau de Soie, 24 inches wide, worth $1.50—in this sale 95c yard !

A fine quality of Black Crystal Cord Silk, 21 inches wide, worth $1.75—in this sale $1.19 yard !

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Loans and discounts	$203,855 25
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	65 35
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	75,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	10,300 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	13,271 54
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,300.00
Due from approved reserve agents	37,053.61
Checks and other cash items	282 91
Notes of other National banks	515.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	112.07
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie $7,803.50	
Legal-tender notes 650.00	8,453.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	3,375.00
TOTAL	$356,587 26

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	20,758 93
National Bank notes outstanding	67,500.00
Reserve for taxes	800.00
Dividends unpaid	155.00
Individual deposits subject to check	131,700.84
Demand certificates of deposit	14,886 23
Certified checks	750 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	35 50
TOTAL	$356,587.26

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, ss:
I, Chas. B. Fiske, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
CHAS. B. FISKE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 1897.
WILLIAM W. LEACH, Justice of the Peace.

{SEAL.}

Correct—Attest:
GEO. M. ATKINS,
J. F. HOLBROOK, } Directors.
J. B. SHAW,

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by David C. Jones of Ludlow, Mass., to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Palmer, Mass., dated March 26th, 1885, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 414, folio 327, will be sold at public auction at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the fifth day of June, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—

A certain tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said tract on land formerly of Isaac Brewer, on the highway; thence running easterly on said Brewer land about 12 rods to stone wall; thence north on said wall and land formerly of said Brewer to land formerly of Pliny Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Austin Collins; thence southerly on said Collins land to land now or formerly of Leonard Miller, thence westerly on said Miller land to a stone wall; thence southerly on said wall to the corner of the wall; thence westerly on said Miller land to the highway; thence north on said highway to the place of beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon. This tract is subject to all rights Roderick Collins, his heirs or assigns may have of maintaining an aqueduct and taking water from a spring on the premises.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at northwest corner of tract above described and running easterly on the same 41½ rods to a stake and stones and land now or formerly of G. D. Green; thence northerly on said Green land 87½ rods to a stake and stones; thence westerly on land now or formerly of David Brewer and land formerly of Michael Eagen 67½ rods to place of beginning, containing 17½ acres, more or less.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded westerly by the highway leading from Ludlow Center to Wilbraham; northerly by land formerly of Michael Eagen and easterly and southerly by the tract above described

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northeast corner and at land now or formerly of Lucy Keith; thence westerly on land of said Keith to highway and across highway and northerly to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence westerly on said Brewer to said Keith land; thence southerly on said Keith land to said Brewer land; thence easterly and southerly on said Brewer land to land formerly of Michael Eagen; thence southerly on said Eagen land to land of said Jones above described; thence northerly and easterly on said Jones land and land of said Green to land of said Keith; thence southerly on said Keith land to the first mentioned bound, containing about 70 acres.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Michael Eagen. Patrick Sullivan and Isaac Brewer, and running westerly on said Brewer land to stake and stones; thence southerly and westerly to land now or formerly of Edw. C. Fuller; thence southerly on said Fuller land to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Stephen J. Miller; thence northerly and easterly on said Miller land to land now or formerly of Patrick Sullivan; thence northerly on land of said Sullivan to the first mentioned bound, containing about 36 acres.

Also another tract of land situated in said Ludlow on the south side of highway leading from Collins Depot to Holyoke, and on land now or formerly of Edw. E. Fuller and running westerly on said Fuller land and land of one Green to a stake and stones; thence southerly on land formerly of L. H. Brigham or the Ludlow Mills Company; thence easterly on said Brigham or Ludlow Mills Company's land to highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, containing about 30 acres.

Excepting from the above two tracts of land as follows: The first situate on the easterly side of the highway leading from Collins Depot to Ludlow Center and beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Lucy Whiting and running easterly about 25½ rods to stone wall; thence southerly on line of said wall about 21½ rods to stone wall; thence westerly on said wall to the highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, with buildings thereon; being premises now or formerly of Michael Eagen.

The second tract is situate on the easterly side of highway leading from North Wilbraham to Ludlow Center, at a stone set in the ground; thence easterly about 12½ rods to a stone set in the ground, at stone wall; thence northerly to southeast corner of land of Michael Eagen's heirs, thence westerly on land of said Eagen's heirs about 23 rods to said highway; thence southerly on said highway about 34 rods to place of beginning, containing about 4 acres.

That portion of the fourth, fifth, and sixth tracts of land, not included in either of exceptions above described is subject to a previous mortgage of about $750 now supposed to be held by Amarilla C. Brewer and Lucy J. King, the exact amount of which will be stated at time of sale. The sale will also be made subject to the taxes due for the current year.

$300 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVING BANK, Mortgagee.
By W W. LEACH, its Attorney.
Palmer, Mass., May 12, 1897. 7-3

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Morrill Prescott, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, to the Ware Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law at Ware, in the County of Hampshire, and said Commonwealth, said deed being dated April 6, A. D. 1892, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, book 489, page 114, for breach of the condition thereof and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, the said Ware Savings Bank will sell at public auction, near the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the nineteenth day of June, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, the description therein being as follows:

"A certain parcel of real estate situated in said Palmer and bounded as follows: On the easterly side by the over hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware, and for a full and accurate description reference is hereby made to the deed of Maria A Snow to Emily Goff, dated July 19th, 1887, and recorded with Hampden County deeds, book 431, page 532, being same premises conveyed by said deed." And the description in said deed from Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff is as follows:

A certain tract of land situated in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point on the westerly side of the over hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware where the westerly line of said road is intersected by the southerly line of land of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Co., being the northeasterly corner of the land to be conveyed, thence westerly on the southerly line of said Railroad Co's. land about 75 rods to the southerly line of land of Luther Collis (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) thence westerly on said Collis land about 30 rods to a corner, thence southerly on land of John B. Carmody (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) from a stake and stones to a stake and stones on northerly line of land of Maurice Lawlor, then easterly on said Lawlor's line to said road, thence northerly on line of said road to the place of beginning, containing about 45 acres with the buildings thereon. Sale will be made subject to all unpaid takes and assessments, if any.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

WARE SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.
BY GEORGE D. STORRS, Attorney.
Ware, Mass., May 11, 1897. 8-3

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Cornelius Healy, late of Palmer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Maurice Healy and Hannah Healey both of said Palmer, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the second day of June, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
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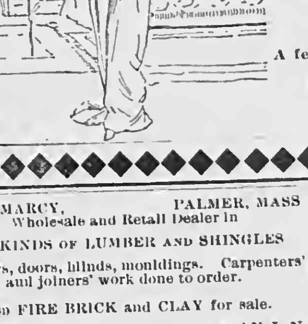

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I must work at my task with a resolute will,
Over and over again.

We cannot measure the need
Of even the tiniest flower,
Nor check the flow of the golden sands
That run through a single hour;
But the morning dew must fall,
And the sun and the summer rain
Must do their part, and perform it all
Over and over again.

Over and over again.
The brook through the meadow flows,
And over and over again
The ponderous mill-wheel goes;
Once doing will not suffice,
Though doing be not in vain,
And a blessing failing us once or twice
May come if we try again.

The path that has once been trod
Is never so rough to the tread,
And the lesson we once have learned
Is never so hard to repeat;
Through sorrowful tears may fall,
And the heart to its depths be riven
With storm and tempest, we need them all,
To render us meet for heaven.

—*Josephine Pollard.*

THE SWEET PEA.

Rev. W. T. Hutchins, of Indian Orchard, in his paper on sweet peas read before the Massachusetts horticultural society recently, said that those who failed last year had plenty of good company. The causes of failure prevailed from one end of the country to the other. The speaker bent all his energy to escaping the blight, and succeeded only in seeing his vines go up, ten feet, blossoming in a scattering way after they were five feet high. There were two main causes, the first being that we had no frost to check the rapid start, and this was followed by an excess of rain during the growing season. One of the worst vices of the sweet pea is a tendency to rank vine and no bloom. Last year we had exactly the conditions to produce that. Make a plant work, if you want to increase the bloom. The root is the part of the plant that works, and the stiffer the soil the more wholesome exercise it gets. The sweet pea should not have a soft bed beneath it, as it induces a less hardy growth, indulges the root and weakens it for its after work. It favors a top growth beyond the power of the root to support. It stimulates growth at the expense of bloom. Plant your seed as early as possible. If the sweet pea gives us no other pleasure, it bids us hail with delight that first premature spring day, after the frost is out of our garden, for that is the foreordained time to plant the seed. Plant the seed liberally enough to allow for various losses. Plant in double rows at the rate of one ounce to ten feet. Use more than that if it is cheap mixed seed. After all losses the plants should not stand nearer than three inches apart. The fall is a grand time for making a piece of ground very unpleasant for cutworms or their eggs. A pail of bran with a teaspoonful of Paris green stirred in, sweetened a little, and sown on the surface or lightly hoed in in spring is a simple remedy. Diverting the worms by planting something of value for them to feed on helps. Go out in the morning and kill them before breakfast.

The last two seasons have brought another pest, a sort of louse. It colonizes on the under side of the foliage, near the base of the vine, and causes whitish translucent spots on the leaves. Go at it vigorously with tobacco tea or a force of water from the hose. The balance of the rules for culture are to brush or trellis strongly, and give the vines room to ramble. Water freely after the blooming period comes, but not much before. Run the rows north and south to give them both morning and afternoon sun on both sides.

INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD.

Every physician encounters deplorable cases of children three and four years old whose diet consists almost exclusively of meat, simply because their prevented appetites demand that article. In such extreme instances the most severe measures are justifiable in order to resume the natural and healthful method of feeding, to save the child's health, if not its very life. We should permit it to become genuinely hungry by withholding all meat, or even all food, until it will consent to recommence taking milk. We may aid the child to overcome any temporary repugnance to milk by making it as palatable as possible. It may be aerated in a milk-shake, beaten in a cream-whipper, flavored by oyster juice and renamed "oyster soup," seasoned with harmless essence.

Variety is desirable, and even necessary, in the diet of all children; but in seeking variety we should never lose sight of the main principle—that milk should be the chief and frequent article of diet, and meat, if not wholly excluded, admitted only as an occasional and non-essential part in the diet, of any child under six years of age. Many children reach that age in superb health and with fine physical development without having known the taste of meat. The little one will naturally tire of milk if he is always given plain milk, milk, without any change. But milk with oatmeal, milk with hominy, milk with cracked corn, with rice, with baked apples, seem in infantile judgment quite different dishes. There are also the various cream soups, made up without butter or seasoning, beyond the natural pinch of salt. This we may vary with a number of articles not taken with milk, but served in a different course.—*Harper's Bazar.*

BAKED BANANAS.—South Americans say baked bananas are an excellent substitute for meat. They travel, fish and hunt solely upon a banana diet. For those weary of meat or unable to eat it (during the warm weather nearly all of us would gladly do without it) it would be well to try the baked banana. It is easily procured, being far cheaper than meat, and requiring no work to prepare it for the table. Each end should be cut off, the jackets being left on, after the fruit is washed. From twenty to thirty minutes are needed for baking. They are placed upon the table, and one served to each person, instead of his usual piece of roast fowl. They should then be slit lengthwise and buttered; the butter greatly improves the flavor.

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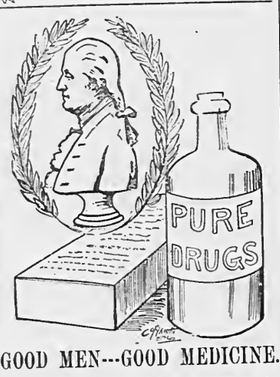

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☞The editor of this column would like to arrange with the baseball teams in the surrounding towns for scores of the games, to be sent to the JOURNAL office immediately after they are played. Also for a schedule of games to be played.

BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo.	11	3	.786	Rochester,	7	10	.412
Springfield,	11	5	.688	Wilkesb're,	6	10	.375
Scranton,	9	6	.600	Providence,	6	10	.375
Syracuse,	8	6	.571	Toronto,	5	14	.278

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	19	4	.826	Louisville,	10	10	.500
Cincinnati,	17	4	.766	Brooklyn,	9	13	.409
Pittsburg,	14	7	.667	New York,	7	11	.389
Philadelphia,	13	10	.565	Chicago,	7	16	.304
Cleveland,	12	10	.545	Washington,	6	15	.286
Boston,	12	10	.545	St. Louis,	5	18	.217

Palmer High School Wins Again.

The Warren high school ball team came to Palmer Saturday afternoon to test their baseball standing with that of the local high school team. In past years Warren has been a formidable rival of Palmer for the honors of the diamond, and a rattling good game was expected, but unfortunately the expectations were not realized. To say that Warren was defeated does not half express the helpless manner in which for six innings they were rolled about in the dust. They were unable either to hit, catch, pick up or throw the ball, but they were game and took their medicine manly. The Palmers, flushed with their recent victory over Wesleyan, played like fiends. They seemed unmindful of the feeble efforts of the Warrens to stay their terrible onslaughter, and were bent on running up a score large enough to win a dozen games. Thirty-four times their runners tapped the plate after having completed the circle of the bases. It is the same old story. Martin, the opposing pitcher, was hit hard. He had good speed, but few curves, and his delivery was "pie" for the home team. But then the support that was afforded him was enough to dishearten any twirler. Chance after chance was not accepted, and errors were made so frequent that after a while they became unnoticable. With any kind of support the game would have been closer and more interesting to the spectators. The Palmers placed their usual good game in the field and at the bat. They scored one run in the first inning and blanked their opponents. In the second they found the ball and pounded out ten runs. Warren scored one little run in their half. In the third both sides failed to score. In the fourth Palmer made 5 more and Warren was again left out in the cold. In the fifth both teams were retired without a score, but in the sixth Palmer didn't do a thing but score. What a cannonade there was! The ball was sent flying in all directions; every Warren man seemed to be chasing it; it was in all places at once; base runners were running around the bases, treading on each others' heels and scoring in twos, threes, and fours. But all things have an end and so did this inning. And finally when Ball, the scorer, had recovered his breath, he announced that 18 runs had been made. Warren made two in their half and then the game was called. The score:

P. H. S.	1	10	0	5	0	18	—34
W. H. S.	0	1	0	0	0	2	—3

Runs made by Riley 5, A. Shaw 4, Murphy 4, Hurley 3, H. Shaw 3, Fay 4, Kennedy 5, Studley 2, Fleming 4, Cunningham 2, Thompson 1, Henebry 1. Batteries, Kennedy and Shaw; Martin and Thompson. Time, 2h. 20m. Umpire, James Dewey.

HUNTS

And another one!

Martin and Thompson, the Warren battery, did fairly good work, but the rest of the team they were—well, not very good. Their errors will count up somewhere in the twenties.

Riley scored three times in the sixth, and every man excepting Fay, tallied twice. Kennedy got in two pretty two-baggers in this inning. Murphy, Riley and Shaw also hit the ball hard as in fact did all the team.

But the boys say that the feature of the game was Tuthill's "home run."

The Sky Rockets "lit" on the Pine Streets quite solidly in a twelve-inning game last Saturday, winning by the astounding score of 56 to 2. When it was made known to the sporting editor that twelve-innings had been played, visons of a wonderful game, with great hitting and daring base running, in which 54 runs were scored after the ninth inning came to him, but they were quickly repelled when he was informed that at the end of the ninth the score was about 50 to 2, but they consented to play the extra innings to see if the Pine streets could not catch up with them. They evidently failed to do so.

Ludlows 17—Springfield Reserves 9.

The Ludlows defeated the Springfield Reserves on the Ludlow grounds Saturday. The game was one-sided from the start, the Reserves being out-classed. Monevor was an easy mark, being hit for 12 with a total of 28 bases. He was poorly supported. The features of the game were the batting of Burdette, J. Gamash, the Superanaus, and the work of Townsend for the Reserves. The score:

Ludlow.	r	b	po	a	e	Reserves.	r	b	po	a	e
A. Sup'an, s,	2	1	0	3	0	Smith, c.	2	1	4	1	2
Clifford, l,	3	1	0	0	0	McCarty, r,	1	2	0	1	0
Burdette, p,	1	2	1	7	1	Rooney, m,	1	0	1	0	2
L. Gam'h, 3,	2	1	2	3	3	D. M'l'ne, l,	0	2	0	0	0
Lavalley, r,	1	2	2	0	0	Crowley, 3,	0	0	3	1	3
J. Sup'an, c,	2	1	5	1	0	M. M'l'ne, 2,	2	2	3	1	2
J. Gam'h, 2,	2	2	4	1	2	Knox, s,	0	0	0	2	2
J'n Sup', m,	3	2	2	1	0	Tnsend, 1,	2	2	12	2	1
Shaw, 1,	1	0	11	0	0	Monevor, p,	1	1	1	4	0
						Rodd, p,	0	0	0	0	1
Total,	17	12	27	16	6	Total,	9	10	24	12	13

Ludlow,	0	6	0	1	0	8	1	1	—17
Reserves,	0	1	0	1	4	1	1	0—	9

Times at bat, Ludlow 43, Springfield Reserves 41. Earned runs, Ludlow 6, Springfield Reserves 2. Total bases, Ludlow 18, Springfield Reserves 11. Two-base hits, Burdette 2, D. Malone. Three-base hits, A. Superneau, Lavalley, J. Gamash, Joe Superneau. Struck out, by Burdette 7, Monevor 3. Batters hit, Clifford, L. Gamash. Double plays, Townsend and Malone, J. Gamash and Shaw. Time, 2h. Umpire, John F. Fahey.

Springfield High School 11—Wesleyan Academy 3.

Wilbraham Academy met with another defeat at the hands of the Springfield high school ball team at Wilbraham Saturday. It was a slow game, taken from all points. Rodd pitched a good game for Springfield and was ably supported by Townsend. Rogers also played a good game. Wesleyan was weak at the bat and at times fielded wretchedly. Clark and Sharman played the best game for the home team The score:

S. P. S.	r	b	po	a	e	W. A.	r	b	po	a	e
S. Whip'c, l,	1	0	1	0	0	Rooney, 1,	0	1	11	1	0
W. Whil'e, s,	1	2	1	2	1	Coote, c.	0	1	2	1	1
Rodd, p,	1	1	0	11	0	Putn'm, c, r,	0	1	6	4	4
Towns'nd, c,	1	1	11	3	0	Kendall, 2,	1	0	3	2	2
Dorm'n, m,	2	1	1	0	0	Buckley, m,	0	1	1	0	1
Bruce, r,	2	1	0	0	0	Clark, 1,	0	1	2	1	0
Rogers, 3,	1	3	5	2	0	Lindsey, r,	0	0	1	0	1
Stearns, 2,	1	0	0	1	3	Chapin, 3,	0	1	1	0	3
Goldth'e, 1,	1	1	8	0	2	Stalker, p,	0	0	3	0	0
						Barry, p,	0	0	0	9	0
						Sharman, s,	2	1	0	3	0
Total,	11	10	27	19	6	Total,	3	7	27	24	12

Springfield,	1	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	2—	11
Wesleyan,	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0—	3

Times at bat, Springfield 39, Wesleyan 35. Earned runs, Springfield 2, Wesleyan 3. Two-base hits, Dorman, Rooney, Buckley, Sharman. First base on balls, by Rodd 7, by Barry 5, by Stalker 2. Struck out, by Rodd 9, by Barry 8, by Stalker 3. Double plays, Kendall and Rooney; Coote, Rooney and Kendall. Passed balls, Putnam 3. Time 2 h. 50m. Umpires, Findley and Chapman.

The Thorndike Rushers defeated a team from Bondsville on the Thorndike grounds last Saturday by a score of 12 to 7. The same team will play on the Thorndike church grounds again to-morrow.

Sugrue of Thorndike, who is playing with the Bridgeports, had this record in last Saturday's game: Five times at bat, one run, two two-base hits, 10 put outs, one error.

THE NO BREAKFAST CRAZE

The no breakfast craze is spreading. An article in a late number of the Chatauquan seems to have given impetus, for while the plan of doing without breakfast altogether is not particularly favored, the idea that the morning is the time for abstinence is advanced with emphasis.

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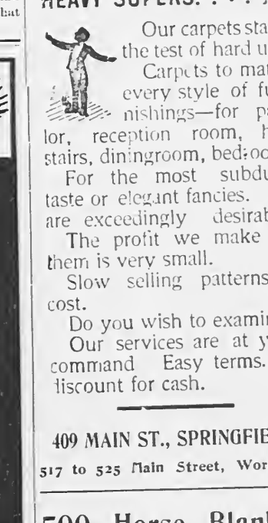

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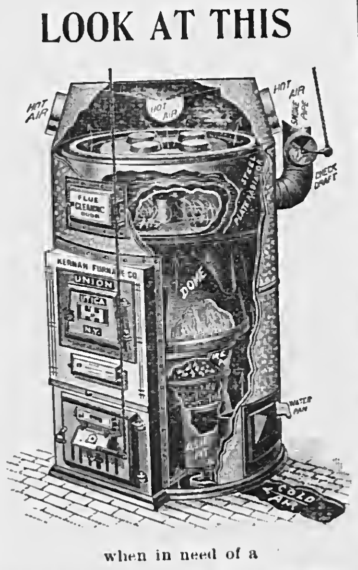

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The wintry winds had ceased their sullen roar,
Yielded their giant strength to spring's mild power;
The earth, once more released from winter's icy tomb,
Had donned her garb of verdure, bursting buds, and flowery bloom;
The glorious spring-time! emblems of that day
When the freed spirit quits its earthly clay
And upward soars to that divine abode
Where He, who burst death's bars, now pleads before the throne of God.
The fragrant spring-time! sacred to memories of life's departed hours;
And when, with reverent hand we deck our soldier's graves with flowers.

Treasured with jealous care, secure from careless eyes,
In a secluded nook a tiny casket lies;
In days when treason shook our land from battlement to dome,
It crossed the thousand miles between a soldier's camp and home;
I draw it forth, and from its sacred depths I take
The precious relics, treasured for the giver's sake.
A coin of quaint design I move from its accustomed place;
A bank bill, with a traitor's name engraved upon its face;
A ring of simple style, chased with a lover's care,—
With every stroke a thought of home and the loved ones waiting there;
A record of the days in camp with each attendant care,
And, knotted with a ribbon blue, a lock of soldier's hair;
Some leaves of faded green, plucked 'neath a Southern sky;
A rose once red as patriot's blood, now scentless, brown, and dry;
A letter, in a dear familiar hand; its lines I scarce could trace
Were they not written on my heart in hues that time cannot efface:
"Sister, in our dear Northern home, the winter king still reigns,
Ice lingers on the hillside, and snowdrifts on the plains;
The trees, all brown and bare, their branches stretch around,
The brook, our childhood's playground, still in icy fetters bound;
And so I send this rose, plucked as I passed a garden gate,
To speak to you of this fair land, by war laid desolate."

Ah! little need we tolling bell or cannon thunder's jar,
Or arms reversed, or muffled drum, or pomp of funeral car;
Some trifle that a soldier loved—a scrap of army blue,
A button with its coat of arms—perchance may meet our view,
And memory from the past ring out its loudest chimes,
And, like the shade on Ahaz' dial, backward turns the flight of time.
In Southern skies behold a cloud, dark, threatening, treason-bred;
Its traitorous mutterings reach our ears and fill our hearts with dread.
With hope of expectation born, to Southern hearts it comes,
And serpent-like, and stealthily, creeps to our Northern homes,
There are whisperings of secession from our Union strong and brave;
A rupture in the bonds that our patriot fathers gave;
There's wrangling with our leaders, through whose veins the hot blood flows;
There's conflict in our senate halls, harsh words, and murderous blows;
A dread suspense broods o'er our land like some restless spirit's form,
The awful prelude that precedes the bursting of the storm;
Darker and darker still the cloud, more sure the horrors dire,
Till "Sumter has fallen" flashes o'er the electric wires.
No longer sends the trumpet forth an uncertain sound,
The battle cry, "To arms," is heard the nation round.
In busy, bustling city, on hillside and on plain,
And every town and hamlet takes up the sad refrain;
"Seventy-five thousand men to battle in the strife,
And for the love of country to pledge each precious life!"
"Seventy-five thousand men, with loyal hearts and brave,
To win a hero's laurels or find a hero's grave."

Just for a moment clings the idol to its shrine,
As dear home voices cry: "It can't mean mine!
It can't mean mine!"
Then with a loyal valor, born of our country's need,
They pledge their lives to honor her in every thought and deed.

The nation's garnered wealth out from her coffers rolls,
For gold is dross compared with human souls.
The loyal mother strives, while tear-drops start,
To ease with busy hands her aching heart;
She packs the tiny "housewife" with each simple need,—
Thread, needles, buttons, pins, trifles indeed,—
But well she knows, though life itself with him she'd share,
That only needed trifles may those burdened shoulders bear.
Her darling's scanty wardrobe her own hands prepare,
In every thought a blessing, with every stitch a prayer.
And loyal fathers, racked with torturing fears,
Give the dear stay and staff of their declining years.
Husband and lover leave behind life's dearest earthly store,
Brothers and sisters part, perchance to meet no more,
East, west, and north, o'er every iron road
The groaning locomotive drags its loyal load,
All to one centre bound—one thought in every breast,
To save our country from her shame or on her bosom rest.

Now rushes on the tempest! the cannon thunders roar,
The lightning flash of musketry, the shower of human gore.
Bull Run with all its horror and sorrowful retreat;
Antietam's bloody field and discouraging defeat;
The awful seige of Fredericksburg, the brush at Malvern Hill,
The fearful strife at Fair Oaks, the fight at Gaines' Mill;
Battle and skirmish, charge and countercharge,
And while the gathering ranks grow thin, Death's gastly ranks enlarge.

Ah! they were loyal men who dared their lives to stake
To save their country's honor, and perished for her sake;
And they were gallant heroes who led that loyal host,
Wherever duty calls them you find them at their post.
Hear Sherman cheering on his men with cap uplifted high,
"Come on, my loyal boys in blue, we'll conquer or we'll die!"
See dauntless Sheridan ride on! no fear his heart appalls,
On, on, still on he leads his troops wherever duty calls.
And Hooker too, with loyal staff from brigadier to drummer;
And Grant will "fight it out on this line though it should take all summer."

But Death, the sternest conqueror yet, leads on with swelling tide,
And husband, lover, comrade, friend, are falling side by side;
The crimson current of their lives is mingling on the sod,
And Mother Earth, like cannibal, drinks her own children's blood.
See now the crowded ambulance, with its groaning dying load
Of suffering, fallen heroes, go jolting o'er the road;
The hospitals o'erflow, and church and house and shed
Are into service pressed to shield the dying soldier's head.
Disease its added curse sends up through fog and fen,
And Southern prison walls send back the shrieks of starving men.

At home we watch and wait till the book shall be unsealed,
Hands working out life's problem, hearts on the battle-field;
How impatiently we wait for tidings that shall come
From our own loyal heroes, so far from friends and home!
How tardy are the moments! The hours move on how slow!
As if the next would never come—the present never go.
It comes at last; the welcome message greets our eyes;
With eager hands we grasp the precious prize;
And then, revulsed, we shrink to break the seal,
Lest in that awful list, some name we love its hidden depths reveal.
And then, the ordeal past, we fold the sheet away,
Take up again the thread of life, and watch, and wait, and pray.
Sometimes a crippled soldier across our threshold moves,
Content to spend his broken life among the scenes he loves.
Sometimes a *dying* soldier, with weary life just spent;
Sometimes 'tis just the casket of the precious jewel lent;
Or the vision of a soldier breathing out his life alone,
Of a precious form uncoffined, and a small slab marked "Unknown."

And so the weeks drag on, and months approach to years,
And still that quickly promised peace comes not to soothe our fears.
We listen for the message that shall tell us strife is o'er;
Hark! Click! click! 'tis coming,—"*Three hundred thousand more!*"
Oh, who can e'er describe the anguish of those years!
The harass of the battle-fields—at home the hopes and fears?
No artist's skillful touch could paint the awful scene,
No poet's pen, inspired, pursue so sad a theme;
In agony ascends the cry: "*O God,
Must every sin be washed away with blood?*"

There comes an answer—a whisper soft and low;
The voice that once bade Pharaoh "Let my people go,"
Falls once again upon the listening ear
In unmistaken tones, that all who will may hear:
"Long have I called, but ye would not obey;
Long warned you, 'Put the slavish curse away.'
The cry of captive souls comes up before my throne;
I see the bloody scourge, I hear the dying groan;
The bond man's prayer ascends: "O break this galling chain!"
And never yet was suppliant's voice addressed to me in vain,
Let him show mercy who would mercy see;—
Break thou the captive's chain and bid the oppressed go free!

'Tis done! and now a message rings out o'er land and sea,
"He to whom God gave freedom shall indeed be free!"
Rebellion staggers, totters, reels—then rallies to the fight,
Still hugging close the fallacy that "might shall conquer right."
But all in vain! the foe, disheartened, quits the field,
For when God's people turn to him, the enemy must yield.

'Tis past, and o'er our land once more sweet peace her banner spreads,
O'er broken homes, o'er widowed hearts, and weeping orphans heads;
And though times rapid flight may bear some healings on its wings,
Yet can we ne'er forget those scenes which faithful memory brings;
And oft we live them o'er again in dreams of troubled sleep,
And gray-haired mothers hear a voice and start, and wake and weep.
And we would not forget, though grief with memory comes
For the dear voices that we miss from our altars and our homes.

And comrades, brothers, as you meet, oft will a tear-drop swell,
As you recount the battles fought, and speak of those who fell;
And when the fragrant breath of May succeeds to April showers,
You'll gather where their ashes sleep, and deck their graves with flowers;
And should your children ask: "What means this flower-besprinkled sod,"
Tell them the price of freedom was our nation's purest blood;
Teach them to hate oppression, to scorn every traitorous deed,
And to the voice of treason for one moment ne'er give heed.
And when in yonder senate halls your leader pays his vows,
See that he only rules our land who to God's mandate bows.

And Thou, our Father, in whose hand rests every nation's fate,
Be Thou our guard, take Thou the helm and guide our Ship of State.
So shall our bark glide safely on, though breakers round her roar,
Till we at last our anchor cast on the eternal shore.
So shall Thy will be done, and Thou alone on earth shall reign;
And Thine shall be the glory, Thine the praise, forevermore, Amen.

—R. R. CHANDLER

ONE SOLDIER'S GRAVE.

The May sunshine lay warm and mellow across the freshly scoured floor. Softly it touched the gray hair of the woman who stood in the door of the old farm-house, and flecked the lilac bush that leaned against the window.

Shading her eyes with her hand, the woman peered earnestly down the long country road as the rumble of wheels caught her ear. A wagon-load of evergreens, drawn by a stout farm horse, soon came in sight.

"Hello! Mis' Jacobs, goin' to help us with the wreaths this year?" said he with a cheerful wave of his hand toward the fragrant pile, as he jumped from his team.

"I s'pose I be, Sam," answered the woman, glancing with solemn eyes at the loaded wagon. "I ain't never refused to do my duty by them poor boys in the old buryingground, even if my old man ain't among 'em.

"That's so, Mis' Jacobs, sure enough," quickly responded Sam, warmly, "you've allus done the square thing by every soldier boy that was brought home to sleep in the old grave-yard; and I just hope the Lord will put it into someone's heart to do the same by Zachary Jacobs."

The woman sighed.

"Seem's if I'd feel more contented-like if I only jest knowed where Zach was buried," said she, her eyes wandering wistfully toward the distant horizon, as though to pierce the veil that hid that far off Southern grave.

Sam balanced himself uneasily first on one foot and then on the other.

"'Twould be sort of comfortin', Mis' Jacobs, sure," he said slowly, "but after the boys saw him fall at Antietam they narry one on 'em heard of him again."

"I know it, Sam, an' that makes me feel sometimes 's if 'twan't true that he was dead," said Nancy Jacobs eagerly.

"Why, some days I gets to thinkin' on 't till I can't rest easy nohow; 't seems if I could see him a-comin' in the door," and she gazed earnestly down the road as if her longing eyes could see her husband's tall form in the distance.

"Now, Mis' Jacobs, don't ye go to feelin' that way, for if Zach was alive, ye'd a-known on 't afore this time. Why, it's 10 years or more since he was left on that battlefield for dead, an' there ain't the smallest chance he'll turn up alive," said he earnestly. Then lifting up a big armful of sweet smelling greens he threw them down beside the door.

"Well, I must be a-gettin' on; so here's a few greens an' ye can make as many wreathes as you like, an' I'll call an' get 'em in a few days."

"S'pose I can keep one on 'em to hang on Zach's peg, over his old coat that's hung there ever since he went away?" questioned Nancy.

"Certain, certain," answered Sam, his voice a little husky at the woman's pathetic manner. "None on 'em deserves to be remembered more'n Zach Jacobs, sure." Then with a loud "Go 'long!" to his horse, he was soon out of sight down the shady country road.

Gathering up the evergreens in her apron, Nancy Jacobs turned and went into the house, and after spreading down an old sheet to protect her clean floor from the litter, she began her humble task.

Deftly her fingers wove the long strands together, while her thoughts traveled back over the years of her lonely widowhood. Ten long years had passed since that never-to-be forgotten day, when, in the columns of the village newspaper she read her husband's name among the list of those who were "missing" after the battle of Antietam. Oh! the agony of the days and weeks that followed, when with mingled feelings of hope and despair she had watched and waited for further news of her loved one. Yet the days came and went, bringing naught but silence to her longing heart. Then had come the return of the soldiers who were left from her husband's regiment, and among them those who had seen him fall on the fatal battlefield. Then the hope that she might gaze once more on his dear face, though asleep in the Eternal Arms, was taken from her, and the longing to see the spot of ground that held his poor remains took its place in her heart. Day by day, year after year, this thought grew and strengthened, till it had become the one wish of her lonely life.

In giving her husband to the service of his country, Nancy Jacobs had given her all. Two small graves in the village burying-ground held the disappointed hopes of a mother's love; yet with the martyrdom of our brave New England women, she had sent her last home tie to fight in that noble cause, and finally to sleep in an unknown grave.

The last of the evergreens had taken the desired shape through Nancy's skillful fingers, and lay in a neat pile ready for Sam to take away. Tenderly she had placed one of the wreaths on the peg over the faded, threadbare coat of Zach's home life, one of the links of the past her mother's heart clung to. As her trembling fingers touched the old familiar garment, the waves of memory swept over her like a flood, and swiftly the tears gathered and fell upon her handiwork. Then there suddenly came to the lonely woman the feeling of a presence near, and as if spoken aloud, so clear and distant seemed the voice in her ear, she thought she heard the word come."

A little startled, Nancy glanced quickly about her; but the purple lilacs nodding at the window, and the sunbeams dancing across the bare floor seemed to laugh at her fears.

"I must be a-gettin' dreadful nervous," she muttered to herself, as she hastily brushed her eyes, "but 't seemed to me as if some one spoke to me then, sure."

All that day, in spite of her strong practical common sense, the feeling remained with her, and the word "come" seemed whispered in every sound that fell upon her ears. In the breeze that swept the shower of apple blossoms across her neat doorstep she heard it; in the murmur of the brook, whose tones she could hear from her open window, there came that same plaintive voice, and the loud notes of the robins in the tree-tops seemed to have settled down into a solemn chant of that one word, "Come."

Though the long hours of the night Nancy lay with wide open eyes, staring into the darkness, and not until her mind had formed and matured a plan of action did they close in slumber.

With the coming of dawn, however, she arose and began her preparations for a long journey. It was many years since she had left the old farm for even the journey of a day, but so strong had grown the desire to learn something of her husband's last resting place that she seemed impelled by a power stronger than herself to make this effort. Realizing nothing of the distance or the difficulties of a journey to that far-off South she had read of, she took from its hiding place the small savings of years of economy, and started forth into the unknown.

The whirling landscapes, the unfamiliar faces, the many stops and changes, and the noise and clamor of the great cities dazed and bewildered her, and after what seemed like a troubled dream, she awoke one day, and found herself in the city of Washington. Having read of that beautiful spot, the National Cemetery, where so many of our heroes are sleeping, Nancy Jacobs determined to look here for the grave of her husband. Through the long hours from sunrise to sunset she wandered through those flower-bordered walks, peering at the names on the headstones in that field of graves, and gazing with wonder-struck eyes at the vast number marked "Unknown."

Could it be that among these poor nameless boys Zachary Jacobs had found his last home? Heartsick and weary, Nancy sank down on a shady seat, while a feeling of despair and disappointment took possession of her. Through the broad avenue rolled the carriages filled with curious sightseers, yet no one seemed to notice the little old woman, in her country made gown, who watched them with pathetic eyes.

Presently the warm sunshine, the sweet fragrance of early blossoms, the sweet twitter of birds soothed the tired nerves, and there came to Nancy a delightful feeling of rest and peace. Then it was she seemed to be lifted and borne through space, far, far away. The sweet smell of the pine trees came to her nostrils, and the low murmur of their voices touched her ear. "Come," they seemed to say, and with a start, Nancy awoke. Refreshened and strengthened, she drew from her pocket the little map that had been her guide throughout her journey, and once more studied its lines with renewed hope.

Thus it came to pass that the next day she was once more whirling through the country, on, onward toward that spot of Southern ground where the battle of Antietam was fought so many years ago.

In the little town of Sharpsburg she paused, feeling that her feet were nearing earth sacred to the memory of slaughtered heroes. The Southern town, hot, dusty and dirty, with its crowds of black faces all about her, was so strange and bewildering to the country woman of the North, and Nancy Jacobs gazed about her, with wondering eyes. Gaily turbaned negroes passed her own figure, while now and then the sallow face of a white woman looked sharply at her from the depth of a huge sunbonnet. Wearily Nancy's tired feet trod the dusty walk, as she sought for a place of rest and shelter from the burning rays of the sun. Suddenly a strange dizziness swept over her, the earth seemed to rise up like a huge wall, and the faces of the people about her blended together in one black sea. With a desperate effort she threw out her hands and clutched at the nearest object, which happened to be the dress of a negress who was passing.

"Bress de Lord, honey! What's the matter?" cried the woman, as her arms clasped about Nancy's fainting form.

No answer came from the pale face that leaned against the the negress' ample breast, for Nancy had reached the limit of her endurance, and tired nature was taking its revenge.

On the outskirts of the town there stood a little old house made of logs and slabs, and plastered with mud. The interior was divided into two rooms, one used as a sleeping apartment, and the other as a general living room. A small leanto attached to one end served as a kitchen. The large chimney of sticks and mud was on the outside of the house, and the great open fireplace in the living-room served a double purpose of cooking and heating. Behind the house a shady grove of shrubs and pine made cool shadows about the little homestead, and a small garden patch, where a few gay blossoms smiled in the sunshine, made a bit of color in the picture.

On a low cot in the sleeping room of this humble home Nancy Jacobs lay sleeping the slumber of utter exhaustion. A stout, middle-aged negress bent over her with an anxious look on her good-natured face.

"I'd jest like to know whar' dat ar' woman drapt from," she muttered "Mighty cur's how I done cotched her jest in time."

Nancy's eyes opened and gazed at the black face bending over her with a bewildered stare.

"How does ye feel now, honey?" asked the woman, kindly.

"Better, I guess," answered Nancy, faintly. "Where am I?"

At the sound of her voice the black woman smiled broadly.

"Wid dem who am de frens oh ebery Yankee who comes dis way," she said earnestly.

"Nancy's tired eyes thanked her as they once more closed wearily and she slept. The loud ticking of a timepiece sounded in her ears, as a little later her eyes opened again and gazed about her with a steady look. Against the wall, hanging on a stout nail, was a huge, old-fashioned silver watch, merrily ticking away the hours. Strangely familiar it seemed to the poor homesick woman, and she gazed at it long and earnestly. A deep dent in one side caught her eye at last, and she rose up from her bed, pale and trembling.

Taking it down from its place on the nail, she pressed open the back and read with swiftly-beating heart the two letters engraven there, "Z. J." With a feeling that she had at last found a clew, she walked into the next room and held up the watch to the astonished negress, saying in a quivering voice:

"Tell me, woman, where you got this watch?"

"Now, Missy, don ye go for to tink I done stole dat ar' watch," answered the woman earnestly. "Mars' Jacobs, a poor Union soldier what my man Pete toted off'n the battlefiel' ob Antietam, he done left it here wid Pete an' me til' some ou the folks come 'long an' claim it, an' it done hang ou dat ar' nail dis 10 year an' no one come yet."

"What became of the soldier?" said Nancy, eagerly.

"La, Missy! he done die that same night Pete toted him home," said the negress. "Is you from the North, Missy, and did ye eber know Mars' Jacobs?"

"Zachary Jacobs was my husband," said Nancy, sinking down into a chair, with the watch clasped tightly in her hand. "And I have come hundreds of miles to find the spot where he was buried."

The woman's eyes grew big and round with astonishment, and throwing up her two hands, she cried earnestly:

"De Lawd's han' am in it, Missy! De Lawd's han' hab led you to de right place. Bress de Lawd, oh, my soul!" Then taking Nancy's poor trembling hand in her own strong black one, she added:

"Come, Missy Jacobs, and I'll show you de lobely spot wher' we buried Mars' Jacobs. An' Pete, he tak ker oh the grabe all these years lak as it 'twas his own chile." And she led Nancy out through the door to the grove beyond.

In the center of a cluster of pine trees that grew in a circle around it, they had made the grave and over it was spread earth's beautiful carpet of green starred with lovely blossoms.

Nancy bent over the mound with the feeling that at last her pilgrimage was over, and she shed her first tears upon her husband's grave. A few days longer she remained with the warm-hearted people in the little log cabin, and learned from them all there was to be known of Zachary's last hours.

Daily she visited the lonely grave, and spent hours listening to the fragrant pines, and dreaming of by-gone days. But there came a day when she failed to return to the little cabin, and when they sought her, they found that the Angel of Peace had touched her and she had fallen asleep. Now, indeed, had Nancy Jacobs found her lost one.—*Portland Transcript.*

A NEW CODE OF PUNCTUATION.

It is an acknowledged fact that a man's character is suggested by the language he uses, his diction, orthography and intelligent observance of the rules of punctuation; but to me the converse also seems true, and often the punctuation marks themselves are a key to the character.

The world is peopled by interrogation points, commas, colons, semi-colons, and the other marks which make literature intelligible.

First, there are the periods, those men of broad experience, who have so governed their own lives that they are beyond the influence of evil, and able to advise the weak and stem the tide of dissipation. It is a noble and impressive army—we instinctively lower our voice at the thought of them.

Secondly, there are the colons and semicolons, not quite so established in their habits, or of so firm a character: they are the ones still battling with temptation, but we meet many more of those than of the others.

And the commas—what would we do without them? They fill in the chinks, do a small service, speak a word here and there, and are very useful, if common, everyday people. The quotation marks are an interesting class—people who lack originality, and try to form their own personality by imitating others in manners and habits. And, of course, in contrast to them, we have the exclamation points, the quick impulsive ones, of whom we say, "They are like nobody else but themselves!"—who are so original that one can depend upon them, for they are not even certain to do the unexpected thing which we expect.

Then the parentheses and the brackets denote the narrow-minded, exclusive people; and the apostrophe, denoting the careless, forgetful folk, those whose character lacks stamina.

The dash is the incomplete, versatile character, who rushes head-first into every undertaking, and leaves it as abruptly—the mortal of queer contradictions, full of perversities and crooked corners, but generally lovable withal. The character shaped like an interrogation point is shrouded in a mist of inquiring doubts. It presents puzzling, perplexing and interesting questions, often inconsistencies, but this nature should be kindly judged.

And from all types let us learn a lesson of charity and realize that as each mark of punctuation has its own use, so each human hieroglyphic is peculiarly adapted to the corner of the universe where it finds itself. —*The Hermonite.*

HORRORS OF ENGLISH TRAVEL.

A train at Wimbledon was just starting for London when a young woman reached the station, and simply had time to jump into the first compartment she reached and flop down on the cushioned seat. "Only then," she writes, "did I observe that I had as a single fellow-traveler a man, young, well-dressed, but of somewhat forbidding aspect. For the moment, however, I did not feel in the slightest degree nervous, and commenced to read a paper. After the train had passed one station, I happened to glance toward one end of the carriage. I observed the man to be greatly agitated, and gazing intently in my direction. Then he got on his feet. A sudden overwhelming fear took possession of me. He was a murderer, I was certain. I thought of shrieking for help, but my tongue refused to move. The monster—for so he seemed to me—looked anxiously about him, apparently to make sure that he could not be observed from without. Then he came quite close to me, at the same time putting his right hand in his overcoat pocket. Was it a revolver he had, or a knife, or a pestle, or what? Springing to my feet, I faced him in despair. 'What do you mean?' I cried, half fainting as I spoke. He bent toward me, smiling grimly, and said: 'Excuse me, madam; I offer you ten thousand apologies if I have alarmed you. Such a thing was the furthest removed from my thoughts. The fact is, I have to alight at the next station, and since you entered the train you have been sitting on my hat!' I blushed my apologies. Fortunately the hat was a soft one."—*London Telegraph.*

"The water wasn't scaldin' she threw on you, was it, pardner?" asked Everett Wrest, who had done the waiting at the gate while Dismal Dawson had made "the play for the poke-out."

"No," said Mr. Dawson, "it was worse. It was soapsuds."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

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FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 28, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

All coal bills overdue must be paid on or before June 1st, 1897. J. F. Holbrook, J. F. Holbrook & Son.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

A Long-Continued Spree.

A man claiming to be J. M. Wilson, Jr., of Cynthiana, Ky., and representing himself to be an agent for E. K. Wilson of London, Ky., the mail contractor who has been awarded the contract of carrying the mail between this town and Fiskdale, arrived here last week for the purpose of sub-letting the contract. Almost as soon as his arrival he was welcomed within the hospitable doors of the saloon and drank heavily. He soon spent all his money and became stranded. He telegraphed for more but it did not come. One telegram he sent to President McKinley, whom he claims is a personal friend of his and to whom he bore the message of congratulation from the state of Kentucky on his nomination as presidential candidate. But no money came and he has been forced to stay here, and has been drinking all the time. His peculiar actions have attracted much attention from people whom he met. Wednesday evening his condition became worse and he insisted on traveling about the streets. He was picked up by Officer Eastman about 12 o'clock and taken to the lockup, where he appeared sick and breathed only with great difficulty. The officer went for Dr. L. H. Hendee, and while he was gone Wilson broke two lights of glass in the window. When the doctor came he found that he was suffering from an irritable heart and was in a bad condition physically. Wilson, who is a finely educated man, stated that he considered the lockup an uncongenial place in which to confine a Kentucky gentleman of his refined instincts, and the doctor agreed that he was in no physical condition to remain there, so ordered his removal to the Converse House. Wilson told the officer that he did not break the glass to escape, but that he was suffocating and had to have oxygen. He was removed to the hotel, where he was attended by the doctor. He will be brought before the court on a charge of drunkenness as soon as he is able to appear, probably tomorrow. His firm has been telegraphed to concerning his condition, and word is expected from them Mr. Wilson is very agreeable and courteous, a fine conversationalist, and during sober intervals has shown himself to be very much a gentleman.

Memorial Day Programme.

Memorial Day, hallowed with the memories of the soldier, comes next Sunday. The observance of the day, which the country so lovingly takes pleasure in holding year after year, will take place on Monday following. The local Grand Army post will meet at Memorial Hall at 8 a. m. Monday and march to the cemeteries in Three Rivers, Four Corners, Thorndike and Palmer, where the graves will be decorated. The Sons of Veterans will do escort duty, and music will be furnished by the Columbian Band of Thorndike. A quartette consisting of E. B. Taylor, William A. Weld, Rev. C. R. Minard and Charles Wood will render the music, singing one of the following songs in each cemetery: "Defenders of the Flag," "Soldier, Rest," "The Nation's Heroes," "Strew Fair Garlands." The procession will return to the hall after the exercises in the Thorndike street cemetery, where dinner will be served by the Woman's Relief Corps. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock exercises will be held in the hall and an address given by Past Department Commander W. P. Derby of Springfield. The quartette will sing "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and "Our Flag." A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend, and the school children are especially invited to be present. The soldiers who answered the bugle call in '61 are rapidly passing away, and soon none will be left to tell the story of their deeds. And as Memorial Day comes around each year, it grows dearer to those yet alive. It is no more than fitting that the public should on this day join with them in honoring the memory of their departed comrades, with whom they are soon to be. All should make an effort to be present at the cemetery, and by their presence at least honor the sleeping heroes.

Deputy Sheriff Northrop's Hustle to be First with an Attachment.

One of the local members of the legal fraternity will no doubt in the future exercise a little more care in imparting his business affairs to officers other than those he has engaged to do his work, as a result of a little experience he has had The above-mentioned lawyer had some writs which he gave to Sheriff Studley Wednesday evening to serve on the Excelsior Woolen Company in Wales. The officer at once set out upon his mission A little later this lawyer met Sheriff Northrop, whom he told he had sent Sheriff Studley to Wales to place an attachment upon the mill. This reminded Mr. Northrop that he had a writ in his pocket against this company which he was intending to serve in the morning, and he at once resolved to endeavor to reach the mill before his brother officer. He hitched up his horse—a new one which he has recently purchased and which is quite a stepper—and started for Wales, losing no time on the road He arrived there five minutes before Mr. Studley, and placed the attachment upon the mill. Meanwhile Officer Studley was driving along quietly. When he arrived at the mill he saw a man standing in the door with a lantern, but thought it was the watchman. Imagine his surprise when, as he was about to enter he saw that it was Mr. Northrop, whom he had seen in Palmer on the street just before he started, who stated that he was in possession. Is the joke on the officer or on the lawyer? Most people will be inclined to think that the lawyer is the victim of his own indiscretion.

Stock Stolen From Holden & Fuller at Silver Street.

Holden & Fuller received word Tuesday night from Silver Street that they had better look after some stock which they had in the little mill at that place. They paid a visit to the mill and found that a quantity of their stock had been taken by H. F. Butler and mixed with other stock which he was converting into shoddy. The necessary legal papers and an officer were taken along, and the stock taken charge of.

The mill was sold within a few days by the owner, W. H. Clinton of Springfield, to a Mr. Brown of the same city, who claimed to have leased one floor to Butler for the operation of a picker and shoddy machine. The stock owned by Holden & Fuller had been mixed with the stock owned by Butler, but as the former—at least a part of it—was worth about 21 cents a pound and the latter a few cents, the combination was worth practically nothing to Holden & Fuller, who took the whole mixture this morning. The exact amount taken cannot be determined, but was probably about $100 worth. They were fortunate in finding it when they did, as after it had been worked over into shoddy there would have been no means of detecting it.

Not the Mrs. Campbell Known Here.

A rumor has been afloat this week to the effect that Mrs. A. S. Campbell, a former resident of this place, had been struck by lightning and killed in Virginia. Though no details were received of the affair it was believed to be authentic. Mr. Wilcox, who is related to Mrs. Campbell by marriage, had received no word from Mr. Campbell in Virginia regarding his wife's death and at once started to investigate the rumor. He found from whom it originated, and also learned that a Mrs Campbell of Richmond, Va., had been killed by lightning, but it was not Mrs. A. S. Campbell, who is living in Norfolk, Va. Thursday he received word from Mrs. Campbell's mother in Amherst, asking concerning the rumor, which she had seen in the Springfield papers, saying that she had not been notified of her daughter's death. It seems as though had such been the case she would have been immediately notified, and there is no doubt that it is another Mrs. Campbell, not the one known here, who was the victim of the lightning.

School Graduation Matters.

The date for the graduating exercises of the high school has been fixed as June 25th, the time 8 p. m., and the place the opera house, as usual. Following the custom of recent years, there will be no graduating essays, but an address to the class and their friends. The speaker this year will be Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, and his subject "The citizen and the state." A reception will follow the graduating exercises. The class this year numbers thirteen, eight gentlemen and five ladies, an unusual division.

The graduating exercises of the grammar schools in Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville will take place on the afternoon of the 25th in the school buildings; those of the grammar school in this village will be held in Memorial Hall.

More Liquor Convictions.

Several more of the Palmer liquor cases came before the superior court in Springfield this week. Marcus Sullivan, who was convicted last week of keeping a nuisance, changed his plea of not guilty on a charge of illegal selling, and pleaded guilty without a trial. George Lee also pleaded guilty to a like charge without waiting the formality of having the case heard. Sentence will probably be imposed to-morrow. Michael Smith of Monson, whose appealed cases were called, failed to put in an appearance, and was defaulted. He is said to be in hiding in Vermont.

W. E. Tuthill is visiting friends in Providence, R. I.

John B. Dawson is suffering from a badly sprained ankle.

N. W. Chandler of New York was home over Saturday and Sunday.

Lawyer C. G. Gardner of Springfield visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Morgan of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard.

The post office will close at noon Monday, but will be opened from 5 to 7 p. m.

Harry Sisk of Tufts Medical School is visiting his parents on State avenue.

L. H. Gager was called to Coventry, Ct., this week by the death of his father.

Mrs. William Rhodes and son Irving visited relatives in Warren this week.

Fred Thompson, the Central street marketman, is out with a new delivery wagon.

The business places will close at noon next Monday, which will be observed as Memorial Day.

Misses Rosie and Lizzie Holden of Hardwick, Vt., are visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. W. E. Fay and daughter have been quite ill with old-fashioned measles the past week.

Yesterday was Ascension Day, and appropriate mass was observed in St. Thomas' church.

Mrs. Moses Winters and children are visiting Mrs. Winter's mother in Thompsonvill, Ct.

Miss Ethel Beecher of Springfield is spending the week with Mrs. Herbert Crofton.

Dr. F. L. Eager and wife of Meriden, Ct., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Eager Sunday.

Ernest Whiton of New London, Ct., was the guest of his father, Nelson Whiton, Sunday.

John P. Sloan of West Castleton, Vt., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Atwood, of Central street.

Dr. and Mrs. Owen Copp have moved from the village to their new quarters at the epileptic hospital.

Selectman G. M. Atkins has purchased a handsome team from Boston parties for the use of his family.

C. H. Keith is serving as foreman of the second jury in the session of the supreme court in Springfield.

A delegation from Day Spring lodge of Monson visited Thomas lodge of Masons last Tuesday evening.

C. J. Sloan, employed in the New London Northern freight house, is confined to his home with the measles.

Misses Irene Brown, Anna McDonald and Sadie Moran spent Sunday with Mrs. H. C. Morgan of Wilbraham.

The census of the school children in town, just completed, shows that there are 1150, an increase of 115 over last year.

James F. Fenton, the popular clerk at the Converse House, has been spending a brief vacation in Boston this week.

Albert Ferry is painting his house on School street. W. French and George Aspinwall are doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bennett have as guests at their home on Park street Mr. Bennett's uncle and aunt from Nebraska.

Misses Annie and Mary Healey of Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Healey on Fox avenue.

The Palmer high school ball team will play the Three Rivers Athletic Club team in Three Rivers Monday morning.

J. H. Haynes sold at auction this afternoon his stock of goods which were damaged in the recent fire in Lynde's block.

Charles Decoursey is seriously ill with consumption at his home near Shearer's Corner, and is not expected to live.

O. B. Smith and daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Northampton, were guests at the home of E. G. Hastings on North Main street Sunday.

J. F. Holbrook & Son, coal dealers, have purchased a new draft horse from Springfield parties for use on their delivery wagon.

Dr. Ellery was thrown from a horse which he was riding Monday forenoon on Main street, but fortunately was not seriously hurt.

The Rogers Hat Company will close the greater portion of their works to-morrow night, after having had a most successful season.

The Royal Arcanum will hold a meeting next Tuesday and initiate two candidates. A collation will follow. A full attendance is desired.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. C. R. Minard will take for his subject, "What the Baptists are doing, or Pittsburg echoes."

Mrs. J. J. Rafter of Boston was the guest over Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Rufus Flynt, and also sang in the choir at the Congregational church.

Palmer Lodge of Odd Fellows has accepted an invitation from the Monson lodge to join with them in a memorial service at Monson Sunday, June 13.

George Lyman has commenced the erection of the building on the foundation which he has had in for some time on his building lot on North Main street.

Contractor George M. Atkins has been in Quincy this week on matters pertaining to the construction of a sewer, the contract for which is soon to be awarded.

J. H. Haynes is moving his tools into the vacant store in the Lawrence block, where he will have his tin shop while repairs are being made on Lynde's block.

Miss Clara Moffatt has resigned her position as night operator in the telephone exchange. Charles Bradway of Monson has been appointed to the position.

Charles Roblee is the new manager of G. W. Doane's branch real estate office in Strong's block, and will move his family to G. M. Atkins' tenement on Converse avenue.

John Dawson, employed in the tonsorial parlors of Oliver LaSalle, has been unable to attend to his duties this week on account of trouble he is experiencing with one of his eyes.

The young people of the Baptist church held a social at the Weeks House Tuesday evening. About 30 were present, and the evening was most enjoyably spent in playing games, etc.

The Young Men's Bible Class and their friends will have a bicycle run to Monson next Monday evening. The start will be made from in front of the Baptist church at 6 o'clock.

C. A. Royce, while working in the New London freight house Tuesday, caught his hand between a truck and an ale barrel, badly bruising the hand and lacerating one of the fingers.

Workmen have been engaged in the Thorndike street cemetery this week mowing the grass and otherwise fixing the grounds so that they will present a neat appearance for Memorial Day.

In the superior court last Friday a case against B. Frank Coffin for keeping an unlicensed dog was defaulted. This case has been hanging before the district and superior courts for some time.

L. B. Coe, a number of years ago a well-known engineer on the New London Northern railroad, recently died at his home in Sauk Center, Mich, where he had been engaged in the mercantile business.

J. A. Dow of New Haven and Miss Emma B. Gorden were married at the home of W. B. Ham on South Main street yesterday afternoon. Miss Gorden is a sister of Mrs. Ham, and has been staying at her home for some time. The bridal party left on the afternoon train.

L. L. Merrick Post, G. A. R, the Woman's Relief Corps and C. W. Cross Camp, Sons of Veterans, will attend memorial services in the Bondsville M. E. church Sunday at 5 p. m. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Smith, will preach.

A "drunk" was put off the 7.30 train from Springfield this morning and was arrested by Officer Justin. He was "drunk" in every sense of the word, so much so that he was unable to appear before the court this morning for trial.

The Union Association of Universalist Churches will hold a convention at Gardner next Wednesday. Judge George Robinson, who is president of the association, will attend. Rev. O. G. Petrie of St. Paul's church is to deliver an address.

Miss Tillie Lacouline will leave Monday for a two weeks' vacation in Bridgeport. Fred Lacouline will fill her place as operator in Station Agent Fish's office during her absence. Miss Mary Richards will also leave Monday for a vacation in the same city.

Grand Master Nevins of the Massachusetts lodge of Odd Fellows, who was to have visited Palmer Lodge last Saturday afternoon, was unable to be present on account of illness. He has notified the lodge that he will pay them the official visit next Wednesday.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society met in the store of Secretary F. D. Barton this morning and transacted business relative to the premium list, which will soon be published, and other matters connected with the fair to be held in September.

The plastering on the walls of the Business Club's rooms, which had become badly cracked in places, is being repaired this week, and when this is done the walls will be retinted. Meanwhile the carpets have been taken up and cleaned, and a general housecleaning indulged in.

John Helliwell is not to have the run on the Ware River road made vacant by the death of the late Isaac Kenerson, as was announced last week, although Mr. Helliwell had been given an understanding to that effect. Engineer Hill of Pittsfield has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Napoleon Comfort and Miss Eliza Watkinson, both of Palmer, were united in marriage last Saturday evening at 6.30 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. H. Hart. After the ceremony the bridal party went to New York on a wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Comfort will reside in Palmer.

The Woman's Relief Corps met this afternoon and will also meet to-morrow afternoon to prepare the baskets of flowers to be used in decorating the graves. All members of the corps are requested to meet at Memorial Hall at 4 p. m. on Sunday to leave for the memorial service at Bondsville.

A match race will be trotted on the Ware driving track to-morrow afternoon between Dr. S. H. Ellery's "Eros, Jr.," and D. S. Kennedy's horse "Longshot" of Hardwick for a purse of $100 a side. These horses have met twice before and each won one race. Both have records close to 2 20.

At the Congregational church next Sunday morning Rev. F. S. Hatch of Monson will preach in exchange with the pastor. The sermon in the evening will be appropriate to Memorial Day, when the pastor will preach on "Patriotism in the '60s and in the '90s." Mr. Eberhardt is expected to be present with his autoharp.

A Palmer "knight of the silent steed" collided with a Monson bicyclist on the Monson road last Tuesday evening. Both were thrown to the ground, but not hurt. The Monson bicycle was badly damaged and its rider was compelled to walk home, while the Palmer wheel withstood the collision and escaped without a scratch.

The fixtures for the incandescent lights which the selectmen have ordered placed at different points on Commercial street instead of the arc light now at the foot of the street, have arrived and the work of placing them in position will soon be begun. By this new arrangement a much better service will be afforded pedestrians on the street.

During Sunday night a freight backing in on the switch above Converse's red block on Water street struck several empty coal cars that were standing against the bunter with such force as to lift the body of one from its trucks and hurl it down the embankment, and badly crushing the body of the other. They were so badly damaged that they were split up for kindling wood.

A new time-table will go into effect on the Boston and Albany next Sunday. The evening accommodation west will leave Palmer at 5 44 instead of 5 47. The afternoon express east will leave at 1 39 instead of 1.40, and the accommodation going in the same direction now at 4.49 will leave a 4.44. The sleeping car to Chicago on the 5.20 p. m. will go over the Michigan Central road instead of the Lake Shore road, as at present.

The Ladies' Union of the Universalist church held their annual strawberry festival last evening, which was largely attended. The entertainment which followed the supper was exceptionally good. The readings by Miss Linda H. Brigham were rendered in her usually pleasing style and much enjoyed, as was the piano solo by Mrs. W. H. Small and the vocal solos by Mrs. Hubbard C. Packard, Misses Georgia Packard and Carrie Fish, and F. A. Royce.

Mrs. Julia E. Warner, 70, died Sunday evening after an illness of about a year at the home of her son, H. R. Heath, on Commercial street. Mrs. Warner was formerly of Belchertown, and had lived in Palmer about four years. She leaves one son, H. R. Heath, and three daughters, Mrs. Martha A. Jones of Palmer, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker of Woodstock, Vt., and Mrs. Sarah J. Hill of Concord, N. H. The funeral was held from her late home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. E. Jenkins of the Congregational church officiating. The burial was in the Thorndike street cemetery.

The graduating class of the high school held a class meeting this week and decided to hold their class day exercises on the school lawn at 6 30 p. m. June 23d. The following will be the programme: President's address, Harold Wilson Brainerd; class will, Albert Draper Shaw; class sermon, Robert Converse Studley; quotations, Emma Lockheart McFarlane; poem, Blanche Elizabeth Hellyar; history, Elmer Herbert Powell and Nellie Gertrude Finnerty; statistics, Eilen Teresa McMahon; prophecy, Katherine Lincoln Buck and Charles Kellogg Stone. Woodhead was chosen class photographer.

M. D. Paige, the Three Rivers druggist, was given a hearing in the district court last Saturday morning on the charge of illegal liquor keeping, as a result of the recent raid made on his drug store. T. W. Kenefick was counsel for the commonwealth and W. W. Leach appeared for Paige. No evidence was put in by the defense, but Lawyer Leach argued that as a druggist it was necessary for Paige to keep on hand quantities of different liquors for the compounding of different medicines, and the liquor which was found could be accounted for because of that reason. Judgment was reserved, and will be rendered to-morrow.

A farewell entertainment will be tendered the graduating class of the high school by the scholars of the other classes in the school building this evening at 8 o'clock. An entertainment consisting of readings, vocal and instrumental music will be given, to which an admission of 15 cents will be charged. Coffee, ice cream and cake will be served. The following programme will be rendered:

Welcome,	Henry McGilp
Piano solo—"American Hymn,"	May Fiske
Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg,	Walter Small
The Octoroon,	Elizabeth Henighan
The Drummer Boy,	Kitty Roek
Solo,	Effie Moffatt
Bay Billy,	Ethel Miller
Declaration of 1776,	John E. Hurley
De Lord am Living,	Louise Hitchcock
Piano Solo—"Star Spangled Banner,"	May Wilder
Ride of Jennie McNeal,	Dorothy Todd
Lily Servosses's Ride,	Lucretia Sisk
Vocal solo,	Effie Moffatt
"The March of Company A,"	Ada J. Murdock

Considerable interest is being manifested in the bicycle road race to be run June 12th, and entries are already being made. The affair will be well advertised, and a large crowd will undoubtedly be in the village that afternoon. The race is a purely local affair, open only to riders in this town, and as no admission fee is charged and no one but the riders will realize anything from it, the merchants have been asked to contribute toward the purchase of prizes. All who intend to help the thing along are requested to make their contribution at once, so that the prizes may be decided upon. And no doubt the committee would be thankful for contributions from any person who may feel like helping the race along. The more the committee has to work with the better they can make the prizes, and the better the prizes the more entries, and consequently a more exciting race.

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. S. A. Green and Miss Mary Atchinson returned Wednesday from a ten-days' visit in Springfield.

Charles Alden of Holyoke is visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. James Stewart of Pawtucket, R. I, is visiting her husband and daughter here.

F. A. Upham and Mr. Trickett have both purchased tandem bicycles through the S. B. Barnes agency.

Mr. Tannebring, overseer of weaving in the Palmer Mill, has moved into the tenement recently vacated by S. P. Gokey.

A drinking fountain for the use of the public is being placed in front of the Palmer Mill office, and will be greatly appreciated by the public.

Memorial services will be held in the Union church Sunday morning by Rev. Mr. Shearer of Springfield, and in the evening by the Sunday school.

The lecture at the Baptist church Tuesday evening by Rev. Herbert J. White of Boston was one of the most thoughtful and interesting in the course, and was highly appreciated by the audience.

There will be a special memorial service in the Baptist church next Sunday at 10 30 a. m., with singing and recitations by scholars from the Three Rivers public school, and preaching by Mr. E. A. Thomas; subject, "Victories in peace." Evening service to be announced.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. H. C. Morgan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ward, at Enfield.

R. L Bond has a new draft horse, purchased in Springfield.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs O. A. Parent Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Clifford of the Westfield Normal School was home over Sunday.

Lumber has been received at the Boston and Albany station for a new platform.

Miss Lillian Kempton of Palmer was the guest of Miss Florence Bond over Sunday.

The tintype man has returned to town and located his establishment near the hotel.

Stephen Sullivan lost a cow last Friday, finding her dead in the pasture. It was supposed she was killed by lightning.

Quite a large delegation of young people attended the county convention of the Loyal Legion at West Springfield last Saturday.

Competition among local milkmen has reduced the price of milk to three cents a quart, the lowest price known for a long time.

Samuel E. Thayer of Woonsocket, R. I., has taken a position with the Boston Duck Company as master mechanic. Mr. Stevens, who resigned the position, has not yet decided where he will locate.

The ladies of the M. E. church held their annual strawberry festival Wednesday evening. A fine entertainment was provided, consisting of numerous selections from the graphaphone. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all, and the ladies cleared about $15.

T. D. Potter & Co. have taken the contract to rebuild the station on the Boston and Albany road at West Ware, which was destroyed by fire some time ago. The new station will be simply a waiting room, the freight house not being added. Potter & Co. commenced this week the erection of a piazza on the residence of W. E. Hall.

It would seem as though it was about time something was done to put a stop to reckless bicycle riding on the sidewalks of the village. It is not the old experienced riders that make trouble, but some of the boys seem to think that when they get on a wheel they own the earth and all the sidewalks, and pedestrians must keep out of their way or take the consequences.

Another change has been made in the Domestic Bakery this week. Mr. Sullivan, owner of the building in which the bakery is located, evidently thought that if there was any money in the business he wanted it all, for he notified Sharon & Ramsden that they must vacate the building, as he intended to run the bakery himself. Sharon & Ramsden went out of business Monday, selling the stock to Mr. Sullivan.

THORNDIKE.

The Thorndikes will play the Three Rivers to-morrow on the Church grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Keith of Warren are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Adams.

Mrs. Daniel Hartnett of Wallingford, Ct., is the guest of Mrs. William Hartnett and family.

The dance in Exchange Hall on Friday evening was largely attended, and those present enjoyed a pleasant time.

The Columbian Band was out for a short march on Saturday evening, preparatory to their engagement on Memorial Day.

Charles Ruggles has the contract to build John J. Daily's large barn at Mount Dumplin. Work on the same will commence at once.

Work has been resumed again on N. W. Bond's canal in the rear of the B. and A. depot, and the work will be pushed until completed.

The funeral of Mrs. Nelson Rivers, who died on Monday evening after an illness of several weeks, was held Wednesday morning from St. Anne's church, Three Rivers.

The King's Daughters will serve a strawberry supper in the vestry of the Congregational church next Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Supper 20 cents, ice cream 10 cents.

James D. McFarlane, who a few days ago severed his connection with the Thorndike Co. as overseer, was presented a few evenings ago with a handsome easy chair by his former employes.

The work of remodeling the old Murdock store by M. Lawlor has commenced. The interior is to be fitted up in a most convenient manner. A new front will be put in, and as soon as completed Mr. Lawlor will move his stock of dry goods and groceries thereto. Mr. Bousket is doing the work.

A valuable silver coin was found buried in the ground at a depth of four or five feet by Mr. Smart, a workman employed driving team for N. W. Bond. The date, which is not considered the year date, but the date of the country, is 1746. It is said that the exact year of the coin may date back from 300 to 500 years. The specimen is good and bright, and is thought to be valuable. T. J. Clifford is the present owner.

A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has recently been formed at the Congregational church, and next Sunday morning Miss Nellie Jerome, state superintendent of these societies, will speak in the church. Those who have heard Miss Jerome will be glad of the opportunity to do so again, and it is hoped that many others will hear her next Sunday, when she will explain somewhat of the work being done for and by the children.

Memorial Day exercises were held in the grammar school assembly hall this afternoon. The program consisted of singing, recitations, drills, etc. The flag drill by 10 pupils from grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, under the direction of Miss Effie Moffatt, is worthy of mention; those participating in the drill were costumed to represent "Scotland," May Sullivan; "Spain," Annie Luman; "Austria," Louise Longtino; "U. S. Army," Blanche Murdock; "France," Sadie Keefe; "England," Malena Gingraw; "Ireland," Annie Keefe; "Italy," Katie McKenzie; "Germany," Mary Holden; "U. S. Navy," Agnes Murphy. The attendance was large.

Sudden Death of Nathan W. Bond.

Nathan W. Bond, 45, a well-known citizen of this town, died at his home last evening about 9.45, after an illness of several weeks with an aneurism. Mr. Bond was about as usual during the day, superintending the building of the canal to his proposed mill in the rear of the Boston and Albany station. Mr. Bond came to this village from Bondsville several years ago, and since then has been engaged in the grain and wood business. He was born in Bondsville; was married at Three Rivers Jan. 1st, 1879, to Miss Bixby. Three children, Harry, Arthur and Etta, besides a wife, mother, brother and two sisters, survive him. The funeral will be Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BORN.

At Thorndike, 24th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKenzie.
At North Amherst, 20th, a daughter to William O. and Estella E. Wilson.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 22d, by Rev. W. H. Hart, Napoleon Comfort and Eliza Watkinson.

DIED.

At Palmer, 23d, Mrs Julia E. Warner, 70.
At Thorndike, 27th, Nathan W. Bond, 45.
At Belchertown, 26th, Mrs. Achsah Cowles, 81.

WANTED at the Telephone Exchange, a Sunday operator. 9-1

TO RENT.—A desirable barn on Pleasant street. MRS. A. LOOMIS. 8-3

TO RENT.—Small tenement in Commercial Block. C. D. HOLBROOK. 9-tf

LOT Second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. GEORGE W. LYMAN, Palmer. 6-13

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. Apply to G. S. HOLDEN. 44-tf

PASTURAGE for cattle or horses. Give your horse a little vacation, it will do him good. A. D. NORCROSS, Monson, Mass. 9-1

LOST, last Tuesday, a female Black and Tan dog. Finder will please notify H. E. Huntley of Amherst, or D. J. Mahoney of Palmer Center. 9-1

FOR SALE.—A 3-burner, New Process Gasoline Stove. Double-seated Canopy Top Buggy. H. CHAPMAN, Pine street. 8-tf

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MRS. J. T. DEITZ, Springfield, says: "I have used Toiletine for four years, and find it just what it is recommended to be." C. W. VINTON, Agent, No. Wilbraham. 9-4

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HEADQUARTERS CYRUS W. CROSS CAMP, NO. 136, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 1.
All members of Camp 136 are hereby ordered to meet at Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock a. m., on Monday, May 31, 1897, to do escort duty for L. L. Merrick Post, 107, G. A. R., and assist in the proper observance of Memorial Day.
All sons of Union Soldiers are hereby cordially invited to join the line of march, although they may not belong to the organization.
By order B. M. GRISWOLD, Captain.
C. W. HASTINGS, 1st Sergt.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mary A. Gage, late of Monson, in the County of Hampden, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
JOHN CROSS, Administrator.
Monson, Mass., May 5th, 1897. 8-3

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Members of the Post, soldiers and sailors, are requested to meet at Memorial Hall, May 31st, at 8 o'clock a. m., to form a line of march to the different cemeteries. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend services in Memorial Hall at 2 o'clock p. m.
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A good Coffee,	25c
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Telis P. Bousquet to George F. Wilson, dated October 19, 1896, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, book 547, page 154, will be sold at public auction for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on the premises hereinafter described, on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1897, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:
A certain tract of land situate in Thorndike village in Palmer, Hampden County and state of Massachusetts, and bounded: Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the southerly bank or side of the road leading from said Thorndike village by the house of the late Jacob Stever, being the northeasterly corner bounded by land formerly of the late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 28° west on line of said road or highway ninety (90) feet to a stone set in the ground; thence south 60° west to a stone set in the ground on the Thorndike Company's line; thence south 52½° east on said Thorndike Company's line ninety (90) feet to the line of land formerly of the said late Mrs. E. C. Hendricks; thence north 60° east on said Hendricks's line to the first mentioned bound.
Reserving the right which the Thorndike Company have of a right of way through the lower end of said land.
The buildings on said land consist substantially of a two-story frame house of four convenient tenements, and appurtenances thereto, and known as the Wilson house.
Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments.
For further particulars inquire of Homer C. Strong, Palmer, Mass.
$600 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale; one-half the balance in six months from the time of sale, and one-half the balance in one year from the time of sale.
GEORGE F. WILSON, present holder of said mortgage.
By HOMER C. STRONG, his Attorney. 7-3

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Morrill Prescott, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, to the Ware Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law at Ware, in the County of Hampshire, and said Commonwealth, said deed being dated April 6, A. D. 1892, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, book 489, page 114, for breach of the condition thereof and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, the said Ware Savings Bank will sell at public auction, near the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the nineteenth day of June, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, the description therein being as follows:
"A certain parcel of real estate situated in said Palmer and bounded as follows: On the easterly side by the over Hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware, and for a full and accurate description reference is hereby made to the deed of Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff, dated July 19th, 1887, and recorded with Hampden County deeds, book 433, page 532, being same premises conveyed by said deed." And the description in said deed from Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff is as follows:
A certain tract of land situated in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point on the westerly side of the over hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware where the westerly line of said road is intersected by the southerly line of land of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Co., being the northeasterly corner of the land to be conveyed, thence westerly on the southerly line of said Railroad Co's. land about 75 rods to the southerly line of land of Luther Collis (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) thence westerly on said Collis land about 30 rods to a corner, thence southerly on land of John B. Carmody (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) from a stake and stones to a stake and stones on northerly line of land of Maurice Lawlor, then easterly on said Lawlor's line to said road, thence northerly on line of said road to the place of beginning, containing about 45 acres with the buildings thereon. Sale will be made subject to all unpaid takes and assessments, if any.
$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.
WARE SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.
By GEORGE D. STORRS, Attorney.
Ware, Mass., May 11, 1897. 8-3

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California Prunes, large and soft, ...10c lb., three lbs. 25c
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Kennedy's Sugar Cookies, 3 lbs.,	25c
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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 28, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

For Sale, very cheap, a low-down phaeton in prime order. Inquire of Peter Ward, at R. M Reynolds's stable.

Memorial Day Programme.

The memorial exercises this year are to be similar to those of a year ago. The Memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. F. S. Hatch in Memorial Hall Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Marcus Keep post, Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps, and A. A. Gage camp Sons of Veterans will attend in a body. Monday is to be observed as Memorial Day, and delegations from Post 155 will decorate the Catholic and other cemeteries where there are but few graves. The exercises at Moulton Hill will be held at half past ten in the forenoon. The exercises in Memorial Hall will begin at 1 30 p. m. A chorus under the direction of Arthur D Norcross, and school children directed by Miss Cantwell, will furnish the music. The address will be delivered by N. L. Porter of North Brookfield. At the conclusion of the exercises at the hall, the Post and Sons of Veterans, escorted by the Monson Cornet Band, will march to No. 1 cemetery and decorate 56 graves, after which they will return to G. A. R. hall. The public is cordially invited to attend both Sunday's and Monday's services. The members of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps are requested to meet in G. A. R. hall at least half an hour before each service.

Pleasantly Surprised by Their Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clough were paid a surprise visit Monday night at their home in South Monson by about forty Old Fellows and their wives, the occasion being in honor of Mr. Clough's fifty-third birthday. The couple were presented with an elegant Morris chair, a work basket, and a sum of money. The presentation, with a short speech, was made by Julius Graves in behalf of the Odd Fellows, to which Mr. Clough responded. The evening was spent in playing whist, singing, etc., during which refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream were served, and a general good time had

Temporarily Insane.

Edward W. Murphy, a young man living in South Monson, has been taken to Northampton insane asylum for temporary insanity. Mr. Murphy, who has been employed in Cushman's branch mill for a long time, has had his usual health until a few days ago, when he was taken with severe pains in his head, which terminated in insanity. Mr. Murphy is a member of hose No. 3 in the fire department, and a prominent member of Mt. Ella lodge of United Workman, and is very popular with all who are intimate with him.

A Slight Fire.

Sunday afternoon at 1.30 the fire alarm was sounded for district No. 3 for a fire in the tenement house owned by R. M. & Theo. Reynolds opposite the south hat shop. The fire was started from a burning chimney, the sparks falling on the roof and setting fire to the shingles, but owing to the prompt work of those residing in the building it was quickly extinguished with only slight damage. The fire department responded, but their service was not required.

H. C. Norcross is learning to ride a bicycle.

Mrs. W. N. Flynt is visiting relatives in Springfield.

Miss Nora O'Brien is spending a few days in Stafford Springs.

Mrs. Samuel P Morris has been visiting friends in Worcester

Robert C. McIntosh of Springfield visited friends in town Sunday.

Prof. J S R. Coy attended a reception in Springfield last evening.

Mrs. George H. Newton spent Sunday with her son in West Upton.

Mrs. George M. King of Springfield is visiting at Parley Anderson's.

Miss Effie Aldrich spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Lyman in Palmer.

Mrs. A. N. Gaouette spent Wednesday with friends in Stafford Springs

Mrs. C. O Thompson of Boston is visiting at Edward King's in South Monson.

Rev. A. R. Nichols attended a wedding ceremony in Warren Wednesday evening.

Prof. J. S. R Coy and G. H. Seymour spent Sunday in Springfield and Holyoke.

Mr and Mrs. Clapperton of Scotland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H Todd on Main street.

Rev. J. P. Hawley and wife of New Hartford, Ct., are spending a few days at G. L Keeney's.

Miss Emma Lamphear of Wales has been spending a few days with Miss Bertha Thompson.

R. M. & Theo. Reynolds are connecting all of their tenement houses with the town water system.

Jesse Moulton, employed at the Central Vermont depot, is confined to the house on account of sickness.

Peter Ward, while sawing limbs from some trees one day this week, cut one of his thumbs quite badly.

The office hours at the post office for Memorial Day are to be from 7 to 10 a. m.; 2 to 1.30 and 7 to 7 45 p. m.

G. F. Ball has returned to his home in Brawns Station, Iowa, after a few weeks' visit with relatives in town.

Miss Hattie Gough was thrown from her bicycle Monday evening while riding down Mill street, and badly injured.

A number of the members of the Monson Grange attended a meeting of the Grange in Wilbraham Wednesday night.

James Anderson, Mr. McGraph and Mr. McKnight of Springfield caught fifty trout Saturday on Harry Sutcliffe's grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Belcher were suddenly called to Cavendish, Vt, Monday on account of the death of Mr. Belcher's aunt.

Mrs. William Gates has returned to her home in Cambridgeport after a four-weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. George H. Newton.

Charles B. Howard had the misfortune to break the rim on the front wheel of his bicycle Sunday while riding from Springfield.

The meeting of the Linophilian society at the Academy is postponed this week on account of the field meet in Amherst tomorrow.

The entertainment announced for this evening in the Methodist church by the Ladies' Benevolent Society has been indefinitely postponed.

Extensive repairs are to be made in St. Patrick's church, and after next Sunday the services will be held in Memorial Hall until the work is completed.

Henry Wentworth had a collision Tuesday night while returning from Palmer on his bicycle. He escaped serious injury, but the wheel was somewhat damaged.

J. C. Tennor, who was to leave Monday for his new position in Springfield, has remained with H. N. Butler during the week, as Mr. Butler has been unable to secure a new baker.

Charles Bradway, telephone operator in the exchange office at Fuller's store, has been appointed night operator in the Palmer office. His place will be filled by Miss Nellie Parker.

The Hampden Woolen Company, now located in the Leonard mills in Dalton, has purchased of Heery Brothers the old looms in the North Factory mills, and is moving them to Dalton.

The A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, are planning to present "A Prisoner of War" in Memorial Hall some time in October. It was successfully given in Palmer a short time ago by the Palmer camp.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will hold a strawberry supper this evening in the church. The proceeds will go towards building the concrete walks about the church, a much-needed improvement.

A number of members of Day Spring lodge of Masons took a bicycle trip to Palmer Tuesday night and attended the special meeting of Thomas lodge, in which the third degree was worked on a number of candidates.

The entertainment given in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, although poorly attended was unusually good. A great many were disappointed at not hearing Miss Mary Coleman, as for some unknown reason she did not come.

Many Monson people are pleased to learn that Rev. Ira A. Priest, formerly pastor of the Universalist church of this place, has become president of Buchtel College in Akron, Ohio. His many friends wish him a successful administration.

The Monson Granite Company has just erected a beautiful monument for John P. Herlihy, Jr., in the Catholic cemetery. It is of cottage design, in four pieces. The second base, die and cap are of Swedish Imperial blue pearl granite, the bottom base being of Chester granite.

The Monson Academy athletic team will go to Amherst to-morrow with a firm determination to bring back the banner which they lost last year after four years of victory. Although some of those who take part are quite young, yet they have the right material in them to win, and should receive the support and encouragement of all who attend from here. The team will leave Monson depot at 7.42 in the morning; the fare for the round trip is 85 cents.

A few dollars were realized by the Academy Athletic Association from their entertainment last Friday evening. Miss Elvie Burnett was compelled to give an encore to each number, the orchestra quite outdid itself, while Prof. Marten, the Modern Wizard, delighted and mystified all by performing many curious tricks. Had not his manner and appearance been so pleasing one would almost have imagined he was a real wizard.

There were only two bidders for the privilege of carrying the mail between the post office and the railroad station, Ralph Clifford and John Curley. The latter bid was the lowest, and he commenced work Monday. Contrary to the general opinion this work is not done by contract, and no bond is required; neither is the work awarded for any specified length of time. Postmaster Herlihy has no voice in the matter, the transactions all being with the postal department direct.

HAMPDEN.

Michael Borowiack, a Pole, was stabbed Sunday at the house of Valentine Vandosky on the Somers road, by another Pole named Stephane. A party of Poles had gathered at the house and spent the early part of the day in drinking cider. Late in the afternoon a quarrel arose between Stephane and Borowiack, which resulted in Stephane seizing a knife and a three-cornered file from the table and stabbing Borowiack in the chest and back. The wounds are not considered dangerous.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. J. Shirley will move to Jewett City, Ct.

Edward Tongue has accepted a position in the armory in Springfield.

Mrs. George Barton of Millbury visited friends in town Thursday.

Mrs. J. Brooks burned her hand severely last week with a hot flatiron.

Willie Benson, only child of W. A. Benson, died from typhoid fever last week

Druggist L Keith has stored his goods and will spend a part of the time in Thorndike

Mrs. William Rhodes and sons of Palmer spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. John J. Shaw.

LUDLOW CENTER.

Miss Gertrude Mowry of the Center school was called home Saturday by the death of a sister.

The school in District No. 8 has been closed two weeks on account of an epidemic of measles among the scholars.

Special exercises were held in the schools to-day in observance of Memorial Day. Veterans visited them and gave addresses.

Miss Romana Nash, a former resident of Ludlow, died Sunday in Granville, after an illness of a week with pneumonia. She leaves a brother, Austin Nash of Ludlow, and a sister, Mrs. Monroe Keith of Granville, with whom she made her home. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, the burial taking place in Ludlow.

LUDLOW.

The Ludlow Memorial Day Association has invited all soldiers and sailors to attend a memorial service at the Union church at 10.45 a m. Sunday. On Monday a line will be formed at 8 a. m and march made to the village cemetery, where the graves will be decorated. Teams will then be taken for the cemetery at the Center, where the usual exercises will be performed at the cemetery and soldiers' monument. A march will then be made to the First Congregational church, where an address will be delivered by Dwight O. Judd of Holyoke. All are invited to these exercises.

The selectmen of Ludlow have made a proposition to the supervisors of Springfield to replace the Old Putts bridge between Indian Orchard and Ludlow with a new bridge. The proposition contains these principal points: The expense of the bridge between the piers shall be divided equally between the town of Ludlow and the city of Springfield. The cost of maintenance shall also be similarly divided. The expense of the approach from the Springfield side shall be divided equally between the city of Springfield and the Ludlow Manufacturing Company, that of the approach on the Ludlow side equally divided between the town of Ludlow and the Ludlow Manufacturing Company. The cost of the bridge will be about $24,000. The supervisors will probably approve of the proposition.

WARE.

J. M. Neville has taken a position as clerk in the Mansion House.

A lecture on the X-rays will be given by L. M Drake in the town hall this evening.

It has been decided to put a modern ventilating and sanitary system into the West street school building.

G. H. Coney, who has had charge of the steam roller at Spencer, has returned to Ware on account of illness.

James E. Clark of the Otis Company's office is recovering from an attack of stomach trouble, which has confined him to the house.

These juriors have been drawn for the civil term of court at Northampton June 7: John Shauley, Elijah Hathaway and Darius Eaton.

Oliver Jervis fell from a scaffold Monday while at work at Stevens and Co's. mill, breaking a rib. He was attended by Dr. W. W. Miner.

Edward Brosnahan, expressman for the American Express Company, has been given an advanced position in the company's office at Holyoke.

Cummings & Co. have been awarded the contract to build the new union passenger depot at Northampton, being the lowest bidders out of fourteen. Work will be begun as soon as the material can be secured.

Arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day have been completed. The Post, Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will attend service in the Unitarian church Sunday morning, the pastor, A. C. White, delivering a memorial sermon. The exercises on Monday will consist of decorating the graves as usual, and in the evening an address will be given in the town hall by Gen. S. E. Chamberlain of Barre on "Reminiscences of two wars." Music will be furnished by the high school.

WILBRAHAM.

Dr. C. S Scholfield has returned to Sutton, P. Q.

Miss Lillie Colt of Brooklyn spent Sunday with friends.

Dr. H. G. Webber is reshingling and otherwise repairing his residence.

A strawberry festival was held in the Congregational church Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Phelps have returned from Asheville, N. C., where they have been spending the winter.

It was "Neighbors' Night" at the Grange Wednesday evening, and the Ludlow Grange was present and furnished the literary entertainment.

Mrs. Elthina C. Farnham and son, Lucius, moved to New Hampshire this week, where they will make their home with Mrs. Farnham's daughter, Mrs. George Newhall.

Memorial Sunday will be observed at the Congregational church Sabbath morning, and the Memorial Day services will be held in the Methodist Memorial church Monday forenoon.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment at Fisk Hall Monday evening by student and home talent, under the auspices of the Methodist church ladies. "The Albany Depot" is one of the attractions.

Memorial services will be held in the First Congregational church next Sunday with an appropriate sermon by Rev. M. S Howard. Rev. W. R. Newhall will deliver an address to the soldiers at 9.30 Monday morning in Memorial church, after which the decoration of graves will follow. Music will be furnished by the West Brookfield cornet band.

Over one hundred of the friends of Mr. and Mrs Frank A. Gurney, who were married at the Beebe homestead a short time since, made them a surprise visit Friday evening, accompanied by the Wilbraham orchestra, which rendered several selections during the evening in a very pleasing manner. Ice cream and cake brought by the ladies was served, and Mr. and Mrs Gurney were made the recipients of a fine antique oak sideboard and a set of dining chairs, Chauncey E Peck making the presentation speech.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mr. Everson and family of New York have arrived at the Everett Clapp place for the season.

The scholars of the public school held their usual Memorial Day exercises this afternoon in Grand Army hall.

A. D Moore, Jr., has received 5000 young trout from the state hatchery, which have been placed in streams on Turkey Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Woolworth are guests at the home of T. W. Chapman. Rev. Mr. Woolworth was formerly a pastor of the Congregational church.

The engagement is announced of Miss Adelaide Walker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, at present a teacher in South Framingham, to Harry Flagg of Hopedale.

A house owned by D. F. Shumway in the Turkey Hill district was burned Sunday evening. The occupant of the house, a Mr Marsh, saved only a part of his household furniture.

Achsah Cowles, 81, died at the town farm Wednesday night. Mrs. Cowles was a widow of the late Lemuel Cowles, and had been a resident at the town farm for 50 years. Three daughters survive her.

J. W. Jackson's restaurant on Main street was broken into Wednesday evening and about $3 in money and $12 in goods taken. Entrance was gained by forcing open a window in the rear of the building.

Mrs. Lentel of Amherst, president of the county W. T. C. U., addressed a meeting of ladies interested in temperance work in the chapel Wednesday. An effort will be made to organize a union here, and another meeting will be held for that purpose.

The high school bell was placed in position Saturday morning. At present, owing to some cause, the sound of the bell does not meet with the expectations of the people, but it is thought that this will be easily rendered by changes in the cupola of the building.

The Belchertown creamery is producing more butter at present than at any time since its organization. On Monday and Tuesday of last week 3000 pounds of butter were made. The following is the report of the month of April: Spaces of cream, 140,493; pounds of butter, 22,000 Patrons received three cents per space.

Harriett Stanley Chamberlain, 82, widow of the late William Chamberlain, died Sunday evening at the home of her son on Main street, from the effects of old age. Her husband died about a year ago. Three children survive her, William S. and Edson of Belchertown, and Mrs. Hattie Barnard of Springfield. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p m. from her late home, Rev. A. H. Mance conducting the service.

WARREN.

Work is progressing slowly on the Main street bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber of Holyoke spent Sunday in town.

Miss Edith Blodgett is visiting in Springfield and Holyoke.

Mrs. Henry Bowen of Chicago is the guest of Mr. Frank Keyes.

The Tuesday Club met with Mrs. George deLaval Tuesday afternoon.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Root next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie Hellyar of Worcester is the guest of Mrs. Martha Hellyar on School street.

The East street schools had a vacation Wednesday, while the teachers visited schools.

Fred Parker has sold his restaurant in the town hall block to A. W. Long of Spencer.

Work has been begun on the filling for the spur track for the Warren Steam Pump Company.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church gave a poverty party at the vestry last evening.

Mrs. Edward Fairbanks has been spending the week in New York, the guest of Mrs. J. F. Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner attended the funeral of Mr. Faulkner's sister in New Hampshire Tuesday.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Edith Morse and Mr. Walter Tourtelotte, at the home of the bride's parents, June 9th.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss L. E. Blodgett and Mr. Melvin Underwood, which is to be at the bride's home in Springflold, June 2d.

The Youth's Social Union of the Universalist church gave a supper and entertainment in Brigham's hall last evening. The farce, "Gentlemen of the Jury," was well presented.

Mr. Fred Cork severs his connection with the Blake Manufacturing Company to-morrow, and has taken a position in Hartford. Mr. Frank Bliss of the draughting department returns to town Saturday night.

A freight car was derailed on the spur track at Sayles & Jenks's mill Monday afternoon while being switched. The car tore up the track for some distance, stopping on the crossing at Bridge street so as to nearly blockade the street.

Rev. George M. Bodge of Leominster will give the address at the field day of the Quaboag Historical Society, and his subject will be "King Philip" The committee in charge is planning a very interesting programme for the day.

Memorial Day will be observed Monday. Memorial services will be held in the town hall Sunday evening, and the decoration of graves will be Monday morning. A chorus of children from the public schools will furnish music at the cemetery.

The Knowles pump works are practically closed; the whistle stopped blowing Saturday night and the fire engineers have been notified that the fire alarm will no longer be blown. Hereafter the town hall bell will be used as a fire alarm, the key being kept at Mr. Keith's bakery.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. W. K. Peirce has been visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Maggie Dunsmore left to-day for a two-weeks' visit in Horton.

John Warren of Worcester has been in town on business pertaining to the new hotel

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of South Framingham, former residents, spent a few days with friends here this week.

Mrs. M. B. Shaw, who has been absent from Brimfield for several months, has returned to her home with her sister, Mrs. G M. Hitchcock

L W. Sargent, assistant supervisor of drawing in Massachusetts, spoke interestingly on "Drawing in its relation to nature study," at the Center schoolhouse last Friday afternoon.

Hitchcock Free High School Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Hitchcock Free High School was held here Monday in the school library. Twelve of the fifteen trustees were present, those from out of town being Salem D Charles of Boston, W. W. McClench and H. H. Bowman of Springfield, Marshall W. French of Newtonville, Dr. E. W. Norwood of Spencer, and Charles V. Corey of Sturbridge. Capt. F. D. Lincoln and H. H. Bowman, whose terms expired this year, were reëlected. Orrus E Parker was chosen to succeed Mr. F. Edgar Brown, resigned. The school is now closing its 42d year, and maintains its usual high standard. A great loss has been sustained in the deaths of Newton S. Hubbard and Rev. W. K. Peirce, who were both closely identified with the interests of the school, which at all times they endeavored to promote. Memorials of their lives were read and resolutions adopted. The present corps of instructors was reëlected C F. Hall and Miss Edith M. Dugan have not yet rendered their decisions, but Principal G. W. Earle has resigned. Mr. Earle has been connected with the school for five years, and his principalship has been successful in every way. The officers of the corporation are as follows: President, Capt. F. D. Lincoln; vice president, Dr E W. Norwood; treasurer, Henry H. Bowman; clerk, George M Hitchcock; prudential committee, O. F. Brown, T. J. Morgan, G M. Hitchcock, F. L. Peirce and S. D. Charles. James R Brown was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Newton S Hubbard, and F. Lincoln Peirce was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father. The board dined at Goodell hall. The resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That this board would put upon record its appreciation of the character of Dea. Hubbard, and of the devoted, unselfish service which he rendered this school.

Resolved, That in his death they have lost an associate who endeared himself to men by his manly character, genial disposition and wise counsels.

Resolved, That they would extend to his family their sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions, with the accompanying sketch, be entered on the records of the board, and a copy be sent to the family of Dea. Hubbard.

Resolved, That the death of Mr Peirce removes from this board one of its members, in association with whom we have always found much pleasure, and whose death is to us a personal bereavement.

Resolved, That we would express our profound sympathy for his family in the great loss which they have sustained.

Resolved, That these resolutions, with the accompanying memorial, be entered on the records of the board, and that a copy be sent to the family of Mr. Peirce.

WALES.

J. C. Leeds of Mansfield is the guest of W. A. Lyon.

Rev. G. L Camp and wife have returned from a visit in Boston, where they spent nearly a week

C. G. Thompson has purchased of Palmer parties a fine pair of work horses. H. E Shaw has also bought a new pair.

H A. McFarland's favorite driving horse became stone deaf on Tuesday very suddenly, and does not seem to hear any sound, no matter how loud it may be. No reason is known; he was all right when stabled Monday noon, and Tuesday morning could not hear.

EXCELSIOR MILL IN TROUBLE.

The Employes Strike for Their Pay, and Creditors Attach the Property.

The help at the Excelsior Woolen Mill stopped work Monday morning because they had not been paid. Pay day was due the 15th, but it did not come. As they had seven weeks' pay earned they refused to work longer until they received one month's pay. Supt. London was sent for; he told them he could make no promises as to the time of payment, but requested them to go to work; he thought arrangements would be made to go on. They refused to go to work then, but later in the day a meeting was held and it was voted to go to work Tuesday morning; still later on they decided not to do so until they were first paid, so the mill stood with no change in the situation until Wednesday night about 11 o'clock, when Sheriff Northrop of Palmer appeared with a replevin writ and attachment and attached all the stock in the mill. Close on his heels, only 5 minutes late, came another officer with writs to attach. Mr. Northrop placed the stock in the care of H. A. McFarland and returned home. Much sympathy is felt for the company, which has kept the mill running steadily through all the long hard times, and furnished employment for the help. It is a severe blow to the town. Supt. London deserves great credit for the energy he has shown in the work to keep the help employed; he is a practical man and has taken charge of various branches of the work besides attending to his superintending. The help claim there is about $5000 due them.

Yesterday a number of other attachments were filed in Springfield on the company as follows: Taunton Dye Works and Bleaching Company, $500; Fred Hartley of Boston, $5000; R. B. Howley, Jr., of Boston, $5000; Garfield Woolen Company of Garfield, N. J., $5000 The total aggregate is $15,000. These attachments are largely for notes which have been given, as the company has hired little money and such notes have always been met when due. These attachments may force the company into insolvency, although the creditors will be asked to hold off in the hope that the affairs can be straightened out. One of the directors estimates the assets in plant, stock and bills received at $120,000, and the liabilities at $100,000. About $30,000 of the latter is made up of notes which have not yet matured. This same director admitted that there was little chance for the company to continue the business without going into insolvency unless an extension of time could be gained from the creditors, in which case there was a possibility that the affairs could be sufficiently straightened out to allow the concern to continue.

The present condition of affairs is attributable to the fact that for four years the company has been making goods on a falling market. But in spite of this the mills were kept running with the hope that business would improve. Recently a shipment of goods was made to New York parties which were not of standard quality, and any advance on the goods was refused because of that reason. This made it impossible for the help to be paid on Monday, and when the help struck the other creditors who had been holding off came forward with their attachments, causing the present condition of affairs. It is understood that no other concern is involved in these troubles, though individuals are likely to be heavy losers.

"It is the Best on Earth."

That is what Edward & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

The Westfield (Ind.) *News* prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvey, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider the of best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by O. P. Allen, Palmer; Paige & Mason, Three Rivers; G. L. Keeney, Monson; A. P. Adams, Thorndike; W. Kennedy, Ware.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

What Morse the Printer in Holyoke Has to Say About It.

The *British Printer*, a journal published in London, England, patronized by printers, publishers and authors, wherever the Anglo-Saxon is spoken, has paid a very high tribute to the artistic work of Mr. Frank Morse of 25 High street, Holyoke. Yet even with a European reputation added to a local and continental, he was not happy. He consulted physicians who prescribed without relief for the grinding backache and lameness over the kidneys that hung to him like a barnacle. The languor and depression that always accompanies kidney complaint interfered with his designing and it is probable that had he not procured Doan's Kidney Pills he might still be suffering and still hampered in his professional capacity. Doan's Kidney Pills proved effective and in speaking about the case Mr. Morse says: "We had some parlor doors to remove and I was assisting. While carrying one I slipped on a stair and strained myself, which I imagine was the cause of the kidney trouble. I had great lameness in the lumbar region and depressing pains in my back and a tired and weighing down feeling oppressed me. One physician said it was merely muscular rheumatism, another, 'oh, yes, muscular rheumatism; it emenates from your kidneys.' I took for granted it was kidney trouble and I concluded to try Doan's Kidney Pills about which I had read considerable. I am very much pleased with their action. They removed the backache and lameness and I have no longer frequent action of the kidney secretions. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by David C. Jones of Ludlow, Mass., to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Palmer, Mass., dated March 26th, 1885, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 414, folio 327, will be sold at public auction at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the fifth day of June, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—

A certain tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said tract on land formerly of Isaac Brewer, on the highway; thence running easterly on said Brewer land about 12 rods to stone wall; thence north on said wall and land formerly of said Brewer to land formerly of Pliny Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Austin Collins; thence southerly on said Collins land to land now or formerly of Leonard Miller, thence westerly on said Miller land to a stone wall; thence southerly on said wall to the corner of the wall; thence westerly on said Miller land to the highway; thence north on said highway to the place of beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon. This tract is subject to all rights Roderick Collins, his heirs or assigns may have of maintaining an aqueduct and taking water from a spring on the premises.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded as follows: Beginning at northwest corner of tract above described and running easterly on the same 41½ rods to a stake and stones and land now or formerly of G. D. Green; thence northerly on said Green land 87½ rods to a stake and stones; thence westerly on land now or formerly of David Brewer and land formerly of Michael Eagen 67½ rods to place of beginning, containing 17½ acres, more or less.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded westerly by the highway leading from Ludlow Center to Wilbraham; northerly by land formerly of Michael Eagen and easterly and southerly by the tract above described.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northeast corner and at land now or formerly of Lucy Keith; thence westerly on land of said Keith to highway and across highway and northerly to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence westerly on said Brewer to said Keith land; thence southerly on said Keith land to said Brewer land; thence easterly and southerly on said Brewer land to land formerly of Michael Eagen; thence southerly on said Eagen land to land of said Jones above described; thence northerly and easterly on said Jones land and land of said Green to land of said Keith; thence southerly on said Keith land to the first mentioned bound, containing about 70 acres.

Also another tract of land situate in said Ludlow and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Michael Eagen, Patrick Sullivan and Isaac Brewer, and running westerly on said Brewer land to stake and stones; thence southerly and westerly to land now or formerly of Edw. C. Fuller; thence southerly on said Fuller land to land now or formerly of Isaac Brewer; thence easterly on said Brewer land to land now or formerly of Stephen J. Miller; thence northerly and easterly on said Miller land to land now or formerly of Patrick Sullivan; thence northerly on land of said Sullivan to the first mentioned bound, containing about 36 acres.

Also another tract of land situated in said Ludlow on the south side of highway leading from Collins Depot to Holyoke, and on land now or formerly of Edw. E. Fuller and running westerly on said Fuller land and land of one Green to a stake and stones; thence southerly on land formerly of L. H. Brigham or the Ludlow Mills Company; thence easterly on said Brigham or Ludlow Mills Company's land to highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, containing about 30 acres.

Excepting from the above two tracts of land as follows: The first situate on the easterly side of the highway leading from Collins Depot to Ludlow Center and beginning at corner of land now or formerly of Lucy Whiting and running easterly about 25½ rods to stone wall; thence southerly on line of said wall about 2½ rods to stone wall; thence westerly on said wall to the highway; thence northerly on said highway to the first mentioned bound, with buildings thereon; being premises now or formerly of Michael Eagen.

The second tract is situate on the easterly side of highway leading from North Wilbraham to Ludlow Center, at a stone set in the ground; thence easterly about 12½ rods to a stone set in the ground, at stone wall; thence northerly to southeast corner of land of Michael Eagen's heirs, thence westerly on land of said Eagen's heirs about 29 rods to said highway; thence southerly on said highway about 34 rods to place of beginning, containing about 4 acres.

That portion of the fourth, fifth, and sixth tracts of land, not included in either of exceptions above described is subject to a previous mortgage of about $750 now supposed to be held by Amarilla C. Brewer and Lucy J. King, the exact amount of which will be stated at time of sale. The sale will also be made subject to the taxes due for the current year.

$300 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVING BANK, Mortgagee.
By W. W. LEACH, Its Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., May 12, 1897. 7-3

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.

Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

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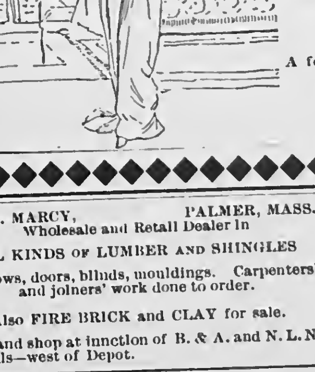

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Said the daisy, "A voice is whispering 'Speed!'
So I'm wanted somewhere, I know."
"Well, I am too wise such voices to heed,—
How silly you are to go!"

Memorial day dawned cool and bright,
The sun his warm rays gave,
And there gleamed a star of purest white
On a soldier's lonely grave.

—*Youth's Companion*

A TALE OF SLAVERY DAYS.

Before the war, in the days of slavery, a New York jeweler of a prominent family, who can be called Mr. X, had owing to him a bill of $1200 from a reputedly wealthy family in the South. Time after time the bill was rendered, but there was no response, and finally Mr. X, as he chanced to have other business taking him beyond the Mason and Dixon line, decided to call at the house of his debtor in New Orleans and see if he could get some satisfaction for his claim.

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Mr. X was in a quandary. His abolitionist ideas prevented him from being a slave owner, but his natural anxiety to receive something for the bill due him almost demanded that he should accept the slave as payment. Finally a bright idea suggested itself, and he called the negro to him.

"Now, Jim," said he, "I am going to be your new master. I do not want to live here in the South and look after you, nor do I wish to take you to the North with me. Now, I've been thinking of this plan: Will you be honest, sober and attentive to business if I set you up in the cab trade in this city? Will you turn over every cent to me and not steal from me? If you promise, I will set you up in business, and when you send me the money that you earn I will credit half of it to you. When your half of the money above all the expenses amounts to $1200 you can buy your freedom and then we can continue partners in the business, or you can buy me out. If you do not want to make any promises, or if you will not keep the promises that you make, I will sell you, and then you may get a hard master."

Jim of course promised, and what is more remarkable he kept his word. Mr. X bought for him three cabs and as many teams and allowed him full management of the business. So well did Jim take care of the enterprise that within a year he had charge of nine cabs and several teams of horses for each cab. He sent his money regularly to New York and within two years his share of the profits amounted to over $2800. But still he made no suggestion that any of his money he turned over to Mr. X for his freedom.

Mr. X did not wish to speak about the matter to Jim, but he was anxious to get some cash value for the slave. He accordingly sent a friend to see Jim and find out what was the matter. The friend went to Jim and said to him:—

"Jim, you have sent to Mr. X nearly fifty-seven hundred dollars, haven't you?"

"Yassair," said Jim.

"And twenty-eight hundred dollars of that money will be yours if you buy your freedom, won't it?"

"Well, it will only cost you twelve hundred dollars to buy your freedom, and when you do you will have sixteen hundred dollars left and can still continue in partnership with Mr. X. Why don't you buy your freedom?"

"Look yere, boss," said Jim solemnly; "look yere; yo' doan' ketch dis chicken yere a-huyin' a niggah dat has consumption"
—*Harper's Drawer.*

COULDN'T JUST RECALL THE FACE.

Joseph Jefferson has just told a Washington newspaper man the following story on himself: Some years ago he entered the elevator of the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York city, and found it occupied by an unassuming gentleman, who looked at him a second and then greeted him quietly: "Good morning, Mr. Jefferson." "Good morning; how're ye?" responded Rip carelessly. "You don't remember me?" observed the quiet gentleman. "My name is Grant." "Oh, yes; Grant; yes, indeed; how are ye, Grant? Nice day." "It's some time since we met." "Yes, so it is to be sure; how've you been?" "In Washington, I believe, I saw you last," persisted the quiet gentleman. "So it was; I'd forgotten. Living there yet?" "No, I'm living here in New York." "Moved over, eh? Lots of people do that. New York's a great place. Meet lots of old friends here every day," responded the actor, searching his memory for identification. "Grant, eh? What's your other name?" "Ulysses S. Grant." "The devil you say! general, I beg your pardon. I'm an awful fool about forgetting faces, but if you'll forgive me I'll never forget yours again."

A SATISFACTORY PROOF.

In County Sligo, among the hills, there is a small lake renowned in that region for its fabulous depth. The professor happened to be in that part of Ireland last summer, and started out one fine day for a ramble among mountains, accompanied by a native guide. As they climbed, Pat asked him if he would like to see this lake, "for it's no bottom at all, sorr."

"But how do you know that, Pat?" asked the professor.

"Well, sorr, I'll tell ye: Me own cousin was showin' the pond to a gentleman one day, sorr, and he looked incredulous like, just as you do, and me cousin couldn't stand it for him to doubt his worrd sorr, and so he said, 'Begorra, I'll prove the truth of me worrds,' and off with his clothes and in he jumped."

The professor's face wore an amused and quizzical expression.

"Yes, sorr, in he jumped, and didn't come up again at all, at all."

"But," said the professor, "I don't see that your cousin proved his point by recklessly drowning himself."

"Sure, sure, it wasn't drowned at all he was; the next day comes a cable from him in Australia, askin' to send on his clothes."
—*Harper's Bazar.*

Belle—"I'm so glad Jack has got a bicycle; it has helped his disposition wonderfully." Nan—"His disposition! Why, how could it?" Belle—"Oh, when he gets up to give baby a drink and steps on a tack he is so glad that it is in his foot instead of his pneumatic tire that he doesn't say anything."—*Pearson's Weekly.*

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Nervous and Weak

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

☞The editor of this column would like to arrange with the baseball teams in the surrounding towns for scores of the games, to be sent to the JOURNAL office immediately after they are played. Also for a schedule of games to be played.

BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs,	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	15	5	.750	Rochester,	11	13	.458
Springfield,	13	7	.650	Providence,	9	12	.429
Scranton,	12	8	.600	Wilkesb're,	8	14	.364
Syracuse,	11	9	.550	Toronto,	7	18	.280

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	21	7	.750	Brooklyn,	14	11	.560
Cincinnati,	19	11	.633	Philadelphia,	13	16	.448
Pittsburg,	16	10	.615	New York,	10	13	.435
Boston,	17	11	.607	Chicago,	10	19	.345
Cleveland,	17	11	.607	Washington,	8	18	.308
Louisville,	14	13	.519	St. Louis,	6	22	.214

Another for the Palmer High Schools.

When that high foul fell safely to rest into Shaw's mit in the last of the ninth inning in the game at Thorndike Saturday, Palmer high school had again defeated the Ware high school team in a very interesting game. Though loosely played at times, it was one of those games just calculated to keep the spectators on the anxious seat until the last man was retired. Ware had strengthened her team since her last defeat by Palmer, and with young Davis on the rubber counted on winning. Palmer expected victory, too, but as it was they had to exert themselves to win by the narrow margin of one run. They batted Davis hard in the first and sixth innings, but outside of those could not find him. Then they made a couple of exceedingly bad errors in the second and sixth, which were responsible for several runs after the side should have been retired. Kennedy held Ware down to seven scattered hits, but was a trifle wild at times. He hit the sphere quite forcibly, getting a single, a double and a triple. Murphy and H. Shaw also batted good. Holmes and Galavin did the best hitting for Ware.

Riley opened the game with a pretty little fly right in Clifford's hands, which the latter ingloriously muffed, and immediately purloined second; Shaw singled prettily to right, scoring Riley; Hurley bunted and Buckley, in attempting to throw him out at first, let the ball drive over Holmes' head, Shaw scoring and Hurley reaching third. Murphy hit safely; H. Shaw sacrificed, scoring Hurley and advancing to third; Fay hit to Moriarty, who caught Murphy at the plate; Kennedy hit for three bases, bringing in Fay; Barnes struck out. For Ware Bassett fanned; Holmes singled; Clifford struck out; Moriarty hit to Hurley, who fumbled; Buckley came up and hit a hard one towards right. It looked good for a couple of bases, but H. Shaw after a long run got under it and squeezed it hard, retiring the side. In the second Palmer failed to score. Ware rolled up three on errors by Murphy and Hurley and hits by Bassett and Holmes after two men were out. Both teams were blanked in the third inning, and Palmer met with the same experience in the fourth. Ware found two runs coming their way in their half after the side should have been retired, on hits by Galavin and Clifford, a base on balls, an error by Riley and an inexcusable muff by Fay of a pop fly. In the fifth Palmer added one more to tie the score on a two-bagger by Murphy and a hit by H. Shaw. Ware went out in order. But the next inning was where Ware met its Waterloo. Riley, A. Shaw, Hurley, Murphy and H. Shaw singled; Kennedy got in a two-bagger which was very timely, and these hits, with four passed balls by Buckley, netted six runs. In their half Ware nearly evened up matters. Kennedy gave the first three men their base on balls, which with an error by Murphy and one by Studley, a hit by Davis and a three-bagger by Galavin netted five runs. In the seventh both sides were quickly retired. In the eight and ninth Palmer had men on bases, but two pretty double plays retired them without a score. In their half of the eighth Ware was quickly retired, but in the latter part of the ninth made things look rather dark for Palmer. Holmes was presented with a walking ticket to first, but was forced by Clifford at second. Clifford was caught off first and run down. Moriarty reached first on an error by Riley; Buckley also got his base on an error by Hurley. It was growing a little darker. Keefe came up with blood in his eye, determined to knock out a two-bagger and win the game. His first effort was a high foul straight up in the air. Shaw got under it after describing a few circles, and as the ball came down clutched it tight. The clouds had disappeared and the sun shone brightly on the banner of victory, where was inscribed, Palmer high school 11, Ware high school 10. The score:

P. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e	W. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e
Riley, s,	2	2	2	2	2	Bassett, 3,	2	1	1	1	1
A. Shaw, c,	2	2	8	1	0	Holmes, 1,	2	2	13	0	1
Hurley, 3,	2	1	1	0	3	Clifford, 2,	1	1	1	3	1
H. Shaw, r,	1	3	2	1	0	Moriarty, s,	0	1	3	4	1
Murphy, l,	2	3	2	0	2	Buckley, c,	0	1	3	2	2
Fay, 2,	1	0	2	2	1	Keefe, l	1	0	0	0	1
Kennedy, p,	1	3	2	6	0	Davis, p,	1	1	2	5	0
Barnes, m,	0	1	0	0	0	Galavin, r,	2	0	1	0	0
Studley, l,	0	0	7	1	2	Tiffany, m,	1	0	2	1	0
Total,	11	14	27	13	10	Total	10	7*	26	19	7

P. H. S.	4	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	—11
W. H. S.	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	—10

Times at bat, P. H. S. 43, W. H. S. 44. Earned runs, P. H. S. 9, W. H. S. 5. Sacrifice hits, H. Shaw, Clifford. Two-base hits, Murphy, Kennedy, Holmes, Galavin. Three base hits, Kennedy, Galavin. Stolen bases, Riley. First base on balls, Kennedy, 7 Davis 1. Struck out, Kennedy 5, Davis 3. Double plays, Keefe and Holmes, Moriarty and Holmes. Passed balls, Buckley 4. Time, 2h. 10m. Umpire P. Fleming.

*Studley out, hit by batted ball.

HUNTS

Hurley was woefully weak on third. It seemed as if he couldn't stop a balloon if it were rolling toward him. Riley at short let a couple get away from him which but for good luck might have proved quite serious slips.

The Shaw brothers played half to win, both in the field and at the bat.

Fay's error in the sixth was—well, politely speaking, somewhat decayed. With three men on bases and two out a nice little pop fly was knocked to him. He put up his hands in that confidential way which says "Oh, I can't muff that," and waited for it to descend. It struck his hands and rolled out just as water rolls off a duck's back, oh, so easy, and a run came in. The figure one in the error column doesn't half express the damage it did.

Barnes played his first game Saturday. He was naturally nervous at the bat, but in the field he accepted his one chance prettily.

A Palmer team was defeated at Three Rivers Saturday morning, in a four-inning game, the features of which were the playing of Collins and Paine and the pitching of Roberts. Score, Three Rivers 13, Palmer 8.

A Valuable Prescription.

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DU MAURIER AND THE DOG.

Du Maurier loved dogs, as we all do who are normally constructed. His pictures are good evidence on this point, and one of the conspicuous ornaments of his Hampstead house was the skin of his huge Newfoundland pet. One day, while taking his favorite walk about the Heath, he saw a gathering of people on the borders of the shallow pond which is a particular attraction to Hampstead. A thin coating of ice covered the water, excepting where a little dog had broken through and was ineffectually struggling to get out again. The ice was, however, so weak that whenever this little creature drew its front paws up over the edge it broke under its weight, and forced him to repeat this painful operation again and again, until it looked as though the poor animal would become exhausted in his efforts.

Du Maurier was in delicate health at the time, and knowing that the water was nowhere more than three feet deep, called to the idlers in the crowd, "Here's half a crown for the man who fetches that dog ashore!" The offer was not accepted; at least not soon enough to satisfy the mercurial artist. So, despite the doctor, into the pond rushed du Maurier, breaking his way through the thin ice until he reached the drowning doggie, which he seized in his arms and brought ashore, amid the cheers of the bystanders.

His only thought now was to run home rapidly in order to prevent a chill. He was overtaken, however, by a man, who pressed him to accept a piece of money by way of reward. Du Maurier declined, with thanks, and pressed on with renewed vigor. The man, however, would not be discouraged in his charitable intention, but repeatedly urged our artist to accept a tip for his trouble. The annoyance at length grew beyond even du Maurier's fondness for a joke, for the well-meaning patron insisted upon putting a tip into du Maurier's hands while he was fumbling around for his door key on the front steps of his own house.

Between this and the miserable chilliness of his garments du Maurier finally forgot that courtliness which was his distinguishing mark, and snapped out, "Damn it, go to the devil!"

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By the farm, like a river—the old country road.

We stood with our hair sticking up through the crown
Of our hats, as the people went up and went down,
And we wished in our hearts, as our eyes fairly glowed,
We could find where it came from—the old country road.

We remember the peddler who came with his pack
Adown the old highway, and never went back;
And we wondered what things he had seen as he strode
From some fabulous place in the old country road.

We remember the stage driver's look of delight,
And the crack of his whip as he whirled into sight,
And we thought we could read in each glance he bestowed,
A tale of strange life up the old country road.

The movers came by like a ship in full sail,
With a rudder behind, in the shape of a pail—
With a rollicking crew, and a cow that was towed
With a rope on her horns, down the old country road.

And the gypsies—how well we remember the week
They camped by the old covered bridge, on the creek—
How the neighbors quit work, and the crops were unhoed,
Till the wagons drove off down the old country road.

Oh, the top of the hill was the rim of the world,
And the dust of the summer that over it curled
Was the curtain that hid from our sight the abode
Of the fairies that lived up the old country road.

The old country road! I can see it still flow
Down the hill of my dreams, as it did long ago,
And I wish even now I could lay off my load
And rest by the side of that old country road.

—*Ladies' Home Journal*

THE CONVICT'S TRIUMPH.

"You have proved yourself to be a callous and cruel-hearted scoundrel, without a single redeeming feature in your character. You seem utterly incapable of comprehending the rights and privileges of law-abiding citizens, and reasonable punishments appear incapable of making any adequate impression upon you. You are a pest to society, and I feel that I should be seriously lacking in my judicial capacity were I to now inflict a less lengthy term of imprisonment upon you than the utmost the law allows."

Thus did the judge preface his sentence. And scarcely a soul in the court was moved by his stern condemnation. It seemed so natural to hear such words hurled at the head of a malefactor whose record testified to his apparent inability to live otherwise than by plunder. The bewigged counsel at the table gathered up their papers, and whispering exchanged bon-mots with each other; the twelve good men and true who had just delivered their finding sat imperturbable in the box, looking as if they believed their acumen had enabled them to confer a great benefit on society; while the representatives of that society looked on with mingled curiosity and satisfaction. Not a single look of pity; not a vestige of regret. How could sympathy be felt with one who was a pest to society? Besides, he was nothing to them. And had he been, his life was such that none would have openly claimed the relationship. He was—it was to be hoped—without relatives. He might have friends, but the friends of such a man were not likely to be found within the precincts of a court of justice—at least not as mere spectators. People were not here to pity the wrong-doer. He whose heart was permitted to be touched into compassion by one guilty of crime, must have very absurd notions concerning the fitness of things.

And the prisoner stood in the dock, alone, friendless, and uncared for. Throughout the trial his demeanor had been one of extreme indifference. The recital of his wrong-doing, the emphatic words of his prosecutors, and the nervous anxiety of the witnesses against him lest anything incriminatory should be left unsaid, had alike failed to disconcert him. The retiring of the jury was to him but a step farther in the necessary formalities, and their return with a verdict of guilty was to him nothing more than a matter of course. He had expected these things—was accustomed to them. When the judge began his address to him, the words seemed to fall on deaf ears. It was only when the epithet, "a pest to society," was used to describe him, that the prisoner's hard, impassive countenance exhibited any change. But that change was electrical. Instantly his eyes opened to their fullest extent, became fixed a moment on the face of the judge, and then dropped to the ground. It was then that the sea of faces before him became bewildering. He seemed desirous of shutting them from his sight, or hiding himself from theirs. A perceptible tremor crossed his massive frame, and his hands twitched fidgetingly on the rail in front of him. Those words pierced his heart. Callous, crime-stained, shunned, and hunted as he was, there was a remnant of self-respect even in his nature. And those words had roused it. "You are a pest to society!" The words surged through his whole being. Everything transpiring around him was obscured. He heard and saw nothing.

Then followed the sentence, but he did not hear it. A hand was laid upon his shoulder, but if he felt the grip, it had no effect upon him. The creaking of the dock gate, as it opened to permit his exit, seemed to echo the words applied to him. A dim moisture, which trembled in his eye, might have been taken for tears as the result of emotion, had it been natural for such as he to be capable of either. Mechanically he accompanied his jailer below, and, as he passed from the gaze of the crowd, a sigh of relief escaped him. On being left alone in his cell, he seated himself as if in contemplation, and then, resting his elbows on his knees, buried his face in his hands, and—the felon, the pest to society—wept. His mind wandered—wandered back into the past, until everything connected with it stood out clearly before him. He had hallowed memories—even he, the self-shipwrecked, the society-abandoned wretch, had remembrances of innocent times and circumstances. He had sat on a mother's knee, and his life had once been full of promise—the world had held out glorious prospects. They were unrealized, but they rushed before him now. He wept. The contrast between the past and the present—that of a pest to society—overwhelmed him.

An hour or two afterwards he was intruded upon. His jailer, having secured his wrists, requested the convict to follow him. Again he had to wait until certain formalities connected with his transference were gone through. Then, dazed and almost sightless, he was conducted into the street and hurried into the hateful, somber embrace of Black Maria. His head was still bowed, and the jeers and sallies of a small knot of spectators without were lost upon him. A quick drive, and the railway station was reached. The prisoner was rushed into a compartment of the waiting train, and his guard seated himself at his side. Once or twice a passenger, pressed for time, was about to get into the same carriage, but they drew back rapidly when they caught sight of the distorted face and manacled hands of its occupant. The train was heavily freighted, but everything was ready for departure at last.

The jailer looked at his companion. He was still absorbed in his thoughts, and manifested a desire to be left in sole possession of them. Taking out a paper, the representative of the law was speedily buried in its contents. Meanwhile the train accelerated its speed, and was soon dashing along at a furious rate. It was an express and had a journey of a hundred miles run before a stopping place was reached. An hour passed. The jailer's paper became monotonous. He laid it aside, and endeavored to draw his prisoner into conversation.

"You seem mighty studious," said he. But there was no reply.

"Thinking of the arrangements for your reception, eh?" and he smiled jocularly. "Well, it ain't everyone who has the privilege of having his board and lodging paid for."

Still the prisoner was silent, and shrank farther into his corner.

"The judge has given you a thumper this time, anyway," continued the officer, "and I'm not sorry it's you instead of me. But then, if men won't go straight, it's their own fault if they're bagged, and they might as well take what's given 'em with a good grace. You're thinking of the past, p'r'aps, and—"

"And of the present," murmured the prisoner.

"Well, ten years ain't—"

"And of what the judge said. Do you know what I am?" and the dejected man became animated and flung himself into an upright position. "I am a pest to society," he continued. "A pest, without the possibility of becoming anything else."

"You don't mean to say that you have any desire of amendment?" in genuine surprise.

"Amendment! If I could wash out that title with my life's blood, I'd do it. I would give the remainder of my life for an opportunity of becoming something other than—than what I am."

"Well s' help me! If you'd only thought of that six months earlier, my hearty—but, great Scott! what's the matter with the train? We're driving along at a terrible rate."

And they were. The oscillation caused the passengers much discomfiture, and several heads were thrust out of the windows to ascertain if anything were wrong, amongst them that of the officer in charge of the prisoner. For some time nothing unusual was discernible. Then the jailer pulled his head into the carriage

"If that signal we've just passed wasn't against us, I'm a Dutchman," he said. "I could have sworn that it was at right angles, and—Lor'! did you see that? The man in that cabin we've just flown past was waving a red flag and dancing about as if to attract attention. I hope all's right. No, no, sit down, now. It's against the rules for you to lean out of the window; you might—fall out, you know."

"Something is certainly wrong," said the prisoner. "That's the guard's brake—don't you hear it?"

The brake was undoubtedly at work, but it made very little impression on the flying train. Again the officer peered out of the window, but the engine at that moment dashed into a tunnel, and nothing could be discerned. A consciousness of impending disaster seemed to seize upon prisoner and guard alike, and the black darkness of the tunnel added to their disquiet. Their hearts beat with excitement. As soon as they emerged into daylight, heads were thrust out of the carriages the entire length of the train, and anxiety was pictured in each. What could be the matter?

Everyone was evidently convinced that something was seriously wrong, and the uncertainty as to what it might be added to their fears. Then another cabin was passed. The guard's brake was still on, and seethed and hissed against the wheels, while sparks, consequent on the friction, were scattered under the carriage in a shower. There could be no doubt now that the living freight was in peril, and threatened with disaster. The man in the cabin was distinctly seen to be gesticulating wildly as the train rushed by.

The officer set rules at defiance now. The prisoner was at the window with him, leaning heavily upon him, in order to ascertain if possible what was going on just then, a curve in the line enabled them to obtain a clear view of the engine.

"Great heavens!" said the officer, aghast, "look—look—see that! The driver and fireman are engaged in a desperate struggle, and—we are lost!"

"We have already neglected the signals against us," said his companion.

"There is something ahead of us, and those two madmen seem oblivious of everything save the avenging of their own fancied wrongs."

"What is to be done? There will be a wholesale massacre, unless— There, see, they have thrown each other on to the track!"

Every eye peering from the windows of the heavily-laden train had seen the struggle in which the responsible beings on the engine were engaged. At its termination in this horribly fatal manner, scream after scream rent the air. Women hurriedly withdrew into the carriages, and sank fainting upon the seats, while the faces of strong men were blanched with fear and distorted by agony, as they contemplated the fate which awaited them.

"The train must be stopped, and—at once," said the convict. "We must be going at the rate of sixty miles an hour. In ten minutes we shall be at Pemberton Junction. It is there the danger lies, if I mistake not, and—"

"Man, you must be mad! Stop the train! Impossible. Did you not see those two fellows fall headlong on the track? Who then can swing back the levers?"

"I can."

"You! Impossible. Ah, you see in this a possible chance of escaping."

"I do, but not from justice. Unfetter my hands, quick; we have not a moment to lose."

"You must be mad!"

"And if I am, what matter, so that I save the lives of these hundreds of passengers? Quick, release my hands."

"What do you intend doing? You will not escape?"

"Release me. Every moment is precious. I am strong, I have the courage of a lion, and the determination of a regiment. I will climb to the top of our carriage and crawl along until I come to the engine. Quick. I—"

"You will not attempt to escape if you succeed?"

"I shall escape from being a pest to society. I would willingly shed my life's blood to accomplish this purpose. The opportunity is before me. Strike these horrible chains from my wrists, and let me seize it. If I perish, I shall die happy in the thought that there will be some who will not think me a—what I have been described. If you think me capable of honor, I pass you my word that I will give myself again into your charge the instant my mission is accomplished."

The officer looked into the face of his prisoner for a moment. A flash of excitement sat on his cheeks, and his lips were tightly compressed.

"You are a brave man," said he, "and I'll trust you."

The next moment the manacles were laid on the seat.

"Thanks for giving me the opportunity, at least," said the prisoner, seizing his jailer's hand. "If—if anything happens, remember that I have made an attempt to retrieve something of my past," and opening the carriage door, he took a firm hold of the rail and began his perilous task.

The train seemed to be increasing its speed every moment, and the swaying carriage rendered his attempt one of extreme danger. A few seconds, and with cat-like agility he reached the roof of the carriage. Then he was lost to sight. The affrighted passengers who had witnessed his coolness sent up a faint cheer of encouragement as they realized his intention. As the train rounded the various curves, they ran first to one window and then to the other, craning their necks in vain endeavors to watch the brave fellow's progress. Once only was he seen, and then a shudder passed through all who beheld him. It was when in attempting to cross from one carriage to another his foot slipped, and he would have fallen to instant death had he not happily succeeded in clinging to the beading.

A moment for recovery, then he safely climbed to the roof and pursued his dangerous way. A few minutes elapsed—minutes which seemed like hours to the terrified passengers breathlessly awaiting the result of his courage. Then they hissed their way through a tunnel. Afterwards the junction came in sight, and a train was approaching them at full speed. Would they be able to pull up in time? There was a perceptible diminution in their speed. Still, on the train went, and nearer came the two together. Then slower, slower still. They must soon stop now. Had the driver of the other train observed them? Was he endeavoring to arrest his own progress? Hands were clasped, and prayers, audible and unexpressed, were offered for help. Slower still. Then they stopped.

Once more all heads were thrust out of the windows, and a fervent "Thank God!" ran the length of the train. The down train had also been pulled up within a few yards of them. Hurriedly alighting, a rush was instantly made for the engine. With tears of gratitude coursing down their cheeks, each was anxious to shake the hand of the brave man who had saved them. But what awaited them! Half laid, half reclining on the tender, with the lever still grasped tenaciously in his hand, they found the convict deluged in blood. He was not dead, but consciousness had not remained long enough for him to witness the success of his noble act. Evidently, in passing through the tunnel, he had been leaning over the engine, and his head had come in contact with the coping. Grateful hands released him, and bore him tenderly to the station, where medical aid was soon forthcoming. But, poor fellow, he was past it.

"No, no," he murmured, "don't disturb me. I—I'm—very comfortable, and—you can do—me no good. I—I—want to lie here and—dwell for a moment—on—the—fact—that—that—the—judge—was wrong."

And even in death there seemed a consciousness of it. His lips were parted in a smile, and a triumphant expression sat upon his face.

GEN. GRANT AND THE BRASS BAND.

Earthworks had been thrown across the neck of land upon which City Point is located. This intrenched line ran from a point on the James to a point on the Appomattox river. A small garrison had been detailed for its defense, and the commanding officer, wishing to do something that would afford the general-in-chief special delight, arranged to send the band over to the headquarters camp to play for him while he was dining. The garrison commander was in blissful ignorance of the fact that to the general the appreciation of music was a sealed book.

About the third evening after the band had begun its performances, the general, while sitting at the mess table, remarked: "I've noticed that that band always begins its noise about the time I am sitting down to dinner and want to talk." I offered to go and make an effort to suppress it and see whether it would obey an order to "cease firing," and my services were promptly accepted. The men were gorgeously uniformed, and the band seemed to embrace every sort of brass instrument ever invented, from a diminutive coruet-a-pistons to a gigantic double bass horn. The performer who played the latter instrument was engaged within its ample twists, and looked like a man standing within the coils of a whisky still. The broad-belted bandmaster was puffing with all the vigor of a quack medicine advertisement, his eyes were riveted upon the music, and it was not an easy task to attract his attention. Like a sperm whale, he had come up to blow and was not going to be put down till he had finished; but finally he was made to understand that, like the hand-organ man, he was desired to move on. With a look of disinheritance on his countenance, he at last marched off his band to its camp.

On my return the general said: "I fear that bandmaster's feelings have been hurt, but I didn't want him to be wasting his time upon a person who has no ear for music." A staff officer remarked: "Well, general, you were at least much more considerate than Commodore —, who, the day he came to take command of his vessel, and was seated at dinner in the cabin, heard music on the deck, immediately sent for the executive officer and said to him: "Have the instruments and men of that band thrown overboard at once!"—*Gen. Horace Porter, in the Century.*

HONORS WERE EASY.—A hard-looking tramp came into the office of the charities of a certain metropolitan church with a most forlorn story of destitution. The minister in charge had previously received unfavorable reports of this very man from the Charity Organization Society. After listening to his story he said: "I have heard all about you from the Charity Organization Society. They don't think very much of you."

"Faix thin," said the man, "wo're even, fur I don't think very much of thim."—From the "Editor's Drawer," *In Harper's Magazine.*

RATHER MIXED UP—"I can't help being a little melancholy," he said apologetically. "In trouble?" "Not on my own account. But I can't help thinking over the misfortunes of two friends of mine who recently married. One got a girl who can cook and insists on playing the piano. The other got one who knows how to play the piano and insists on cooking.—*Washington Star.*

She—"Did you ever try the ring cure?" He—"Oh, yes." "For rheumatism?" "No, for love."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

When Baby Waved Good-bye.

I look in vain at the window
For the baby's dimpled face,
And the waving hands that bade me
Good-bye with a smiling grace.

No more shall I hear her prattle—
The joy of her presence lost—
As when from the casement laughing
Her parting kiss she tossed.

The sun always smiled the sweeter,
And brighter by far the sky,
When I dreamed of the happy baby
Waving her papa good-bye.

But all that remains is a picture,
Deep graven on memory's stone
In lines that defy Time's effacing—
Forever and ever my own.

I know at some starry portal,
A gem in the heavenly land,
The baby, still smiling at papa,
Is waving her dainty hand.

And when Death's shadows confront me,
As I seek the throne of grace,
The light to guide and direct me
Will beam from the baby's face.

—*Warren Billings, in the Boston Herald.*

THE PROPER CARE OF CLOTHES.

It is considerable trouble to take proper care of clothes. Yet there is no labor that pays better than that which is spent to take a stich in time, or to fold and brush garments when they are taken off. As soon as a dress is removed, if it has been worn in the street, brush the skirt carefully around the hem and hang it up by the loop.

It is a mistake to throw dress skirts across a chair. It wrinkles and injures them. The waist of a dress, however, should be thoroughly aired, and the back of a chair is as good a place as any to stretch it on. If you have no bureau drawers long enough to lay evening dress skirts in without folding them, hang them in large bags of cambric in dark closets.

Lay the waists away in the drawers, stuffing out the sleeves, puffs and the loops of bows with soft, crumpled tissue paper. Lay tissue paper over the waists after folding them to preserve them from the dust, which will often sift into the tightest "dust-proof" bureau drawers.

Pale blue or natural brown tissue paper is safer to use than white, which is likely to be charged with the fumes of sulphur used to bleach it, so that it will turn metal trimmings dark and bleach delicate colors.

A good caretaker of clothes will keep a stout clothes brush for cloth dresses. She will never allow the silk velvet on her gowns to be touched by this brush, however, but will keep a soft velvet brush or a thick piece of flannel for removing the dust from the velvet. The velveteen facing and the dust ruffles on the bottom of the gown should be brushed out with a stiff whisk of bristles which will reach into the gathers.

One should also have a small scrubbing brush of soft bristles and a bottle of refined benzine and one of alcohol to remove grease spots that appear. This should be done as soon as the gown is taken off, before the spots have become clogged with dust. For this purpose a linen cloth should be laid on the wrong side of the dress goods under the spot, and it should be vigorously scrubbed with the benzine and afterwards with the alcohol diluted with one-half water. After pressing the cloth on the wrong side all signs of the spot as well as the effect of the benzine will be gone.

A little gas iron is a convenient article to use for pressing at such a time. These irons cost $1 each, and can be fitted over any ordinary gas burner.

Lace, ribbons, gloves and handkerchiefs should be kept in separate boxes. Do not commit the masculine vulgarism of rolling the gloves in a tight little knob, but pull the fingers out straight and lay them away as nearly in the position of a new glove as you can.

Shoes should be kept carefully in a shoe bag or ventilated shoe box. Grease walking shoes of tan with vaseline, rubbing off all the grease the leather does not absorb. Put the vaseline on with a firm cotton cloth. Use blacking sparingly and only after greasing the shoes. Do not wear rubbers over fine shoes, but keep a heavy, solid pair of calf-skin shoes for rainy weather. Try to make them waterproof by frequently greasing them with mutton tallow. Rub them afterwards with ink and sweet oil. This is better then blacking them. Only "slip" rubbers that merely cover the toe are necessary when these shoes are worn.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

EXPERIMENTS WITH BROAD TIRES.

Some valuable experiments with the draft of wide and narrow-tired wagons have been made by the officers of the agricultural experiment station at Columbia, Mo. Contrary to public expectation it was established that in nearly all cases the draft was materially lighter when tires six inches wide were used than with tires of standard width. This is thought to remove the last objection to the gradual adoption of the broad wheel, as its effect in making, rather than in breaking roads has been thoroughly appreciated. On a macadam street the same draft required to haul a ton load with narrow tires hauled more than a ton and a quarter with the broad tires. On gravel roads the draft required to haul 2000 pounds with narrow tires hauled 2610 pounds on the broad tires. On dirt roads, dry and hard and free from ruts, the broad tires pulled more than one-third lighter. On mud roads, spongy on the surface and soft underneath, the broad tires drew one-half lighter than the narrow tires. On the same road, when soft and sticky on top and firm underneath, the narrow tires pulled materially lighter, the difference amounting to an average of one-third. When this same road has been wet to a great depth by continued rains and the mud had become stiff and sticky, so that it would gather on the wheels, the difference was again largely in favor of the narrow tires.

These two are the only conditions of the dirt road in which the narrow tires showed to advantage. On meadows and pastures the results have been strikingly in favor of the broad wheels. When the meadows are soft, from 3000 to 4000 pounds may be hauled on the broad wheels with the same draft as that required to haul a load of 2000 pounds on the narrow wheels. The beneficial effect of the wide tire on dirt roads was also strikingly shown in the tests. A clay road, badly cut into ruts by the narrow tires, was selected for the test, as presenting conditions least favorable to the broad tire. A number of tests of the draft of the narrow tire were made in these open ruts, and immediately followed by the broad tires running in the same ruts. The first run of the broad tire over the narrow-tire ruts was accompanied by an increased draft; the second by a draft materially less than the original narrow tire; the third by a still greater decline, and in the fourth trip the rut was practically obliterated and filled, thus demonstrating that if even half the wagons had broad tires the results would be beneficial to all in decreased draft and better roads.—*New York Evening Post.*

"Ella," said Marion, as they were seated on the veranda of their country house, "I went fishing with George this morning." "Did you? What did you catch?" "I caught George."—*Tid-Bits.*

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LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

To the Public.

I have taken the paint shop on South Main street, formerly occupied by Mr. Davis. You know all about my sign work, try me on carriage painting, you will not regret it, I will use you right. A. Henry Eldridge.

PALMER NEWS.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE.

The Programme of the Day as Carried Out by the G. A. R.

Apparently the weather clerk forgot that Monday was the nation's Sabbath Day, when the memory of her dead heroes was to be honored, for early in the morning he served up a drizzling rain. But he evidently soon recalled the fact, for a little before noon he dismissed the clouds, and as if repentant for his mistake made the remainder of the day all that could be desired. But the rain did not interfere with the carrying out of the programme as arranged by L. L. Merrick post. Owing to the muddy condition of the streets in the morning, no march was made through Main street, but the barges were taken direct to Three Rivers. A most agreeable surprise was in store for the veterans in that village. As the procession marched around the common, a large number of the school children were on hand and presented each veteran and son of a veteran with a handsome bouquet of the choicest flowers. It is needless to state that this token of loving respect was most heartily appreciated and will long be remembered. But this was but one of the tokens of respect that would have been tendered them but for the intervention of the rain. Three or four bushels of flowers had been prepared which the children were to have strewn along the way for the soldiers to tread upon. The children had drilled all day Saturday under Comrade Story and the teachers, and were disappointed that the rain made their plans impossible. A halt was made at the cemetery in Three Rivers, and the procession formed and repaired within the cemetery. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. E. Jenkins and the quartette sang appropriately. Two graves were decorated here. The next halt was made at the Four Corners cemetery. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. E. Smith, the quartette sang and 37 graves were decorated. The procession marched through Thorndike to the upper portion of Commercial street, where the barges were taken to the Catholic cemetery. Seventeen graves were decorated here. The cemetery in this village was next visited. Prayer was offered by Rev. O. G. Petrie, the quartette sang and the resting places of 27 soldiers strewn with garlands. Tribute was also made in this cemetery to the unknown dead, who lie buried on Southern battle fields. The procession was then formed and marched to Memorial Hall, where a bountiful repast prepared by the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting, which was attacked and quickly captured by the boys in blue. Forty-one veterans were in line. C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, did escort duty, and were also assigned, as far as their numbers permitted, to the decorating of the graves. The singing by Messrs. Taylor, Weld, Minard and Wood was especially pleasing and fittingly rendered. Music was furnished by the Columbian band of Thorndike.

At two o'clock in the afternoon exercises were held in Memorial Hall. The quartette rendered two selections, after which came the address of Past Department Commander W. P. Derby of Springfield. It was a most interesting discourse, commanding the attention of all, and was frequently applauded. He spoke of the part played by Palmer in the late war; how she furnished 10 per cent of her whole population for the prosecution of the war, and raised between $3000 and $4000. The women of Palmer also raised about $1300 independent of the above-named sum. He spoke of the patriotism shown in the late war by the youth of the land and the heroic deeds of valor performed. How during peace there were victories to be won not less renowned than those during the war, and earnestly appealed to the youth of this century to imitate their fathers and with the weapon of the freeman, the ballot, decide those questions, such as arbitration, the financial policy of the government, etc., now awaiting settlement, for the best interests of the country. The exercises closed with the singing of America.

Circus Last Saturday.

A circus which did not take the trouble to bill the town exhibited on W. R. Milligan's lot on the corner of Knox and Pine streets last Saturday afternoon. No announcement of the event had been made in advance, and the people of that section were somewhat surprised to see the canvassmen on hand about 6 in the morning putting up the tent. Preparations went on rapidly, and about the middle of the forenoon the managers started their advertising by sending out a street parade. It soon became known that Flynt & White's mammoth aggregation of allied attractions, collossal combination of performers and stupendous collection of awe-inspiring and mirth-provoking achievements would be exhibited at 2 p. m. At the appointed time the small boy and his sister were much in evidence about the grounds, and there was a sprinkling of adults as well. The admission fee was evidently fixed with reference to the stringency of the financial market, for it was only five cents—t'ree cents for kids. The attendance was large, and excited the admiration and envy of those not financially interested. One of the proprietors took the admissions, and one attendant remarked to the newspaper man in a whisper hoarse with suppressed excitement: "That feller's gittin' rich; *he's got mor'n a dollar.*" That this was exaggerated was proved by the showman, for he had heard the remark and made haste to reply: "Aw I ain't neither; its only sixty-five cents." There were all the adjuncts of a well-equipped and judiciously-managed circus. Reserved seats cost extra, and there was the customary peanut peddler, though the red lemonade was not in evidence. Numerous cages of animals were ranged on one side, one of which contained something which in color at least much resembled a lioness and her young. Several of the cages were opened later and the animals performed with. There were two clowns, though for a time it looked as though there would be only one, as the senior got into a scrap with one of the proprietors just previous to the performance, but was taken care of without resort to the showman's rallying cry of "Hey, Rube!" The performance as a whole seemed to give general satisfaction, though the scribe did not remain to the end for fear he might be asked to buy a ticket to the concert which follows every well-regulated performance of this kind. The exhibition given by Buffalo Bill and his trick horse, was vehemently applauded, especially the part borne by the horse, who finally got tired of jumping hurdles and bolted through the canvas, taking a part of the tent with him. The company was plainly cramped for room, the dressing room quarters being painfully small, and it is understood that another exhibition will be given soon, if not by this company, by a rival concern.

Former Palmer Woman Found Dead in Springfield.

Mrs. Mary Harrington, an aged widow of Springfield, and a former resident of Palmer, was found dead in her home on Union street in that city Friday evening. It had been noticed by the neighbors that on Thursday evening there was no light in the house, and finally her brother, Calvin Porter, was notified. Friday evening, thinking that his sister might be ill, he went to the house. He was unable to effect an entrance and was obliged to obtain a ladder, by which he climbed to the bedroom window on the upper floor. The lace curtains were apart and he saw his sister lying on the floor. The window was unlocked and he went in. He at first thought that she had fallen in a faint, but when he touched her he found that her body was cold. The body was brought here Monday and interred in the Thorndike street cemetery. Mrs. Harrington was a colored woman, but of so light complexion that she was usually supposed to be white. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Sarah Wallace of Worcester, and a brother, Calvin Porter of Springfield, former residents. Her husband died three years ago and left her considerable property. During her stay in Palmer Mrs. Harrington resided on Central, and the corner of Park and Maple streets.

Rev. C. R. Minard is spending the week in Boston.

Mrs. Hiram Randall is visiting her sister in Westfield.

F. D. Thompson has moved from Pleasant to South Main street.

G. R. Hayes spent Sunday in Newburyport, visiting friends.

The selectmen will hold their monthly meeting next Monday.

The grocery store of J. F. Foley has been wired for electric lights.

George W. Cross of Boston visited relatives here Memorial Day.

Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Roller spent Sunday and Monday in Worcester.

Mrs. Spaulding of Stonington, Ct., is the guest of Mrs. C. K. Gamwell.

Mrs. Lyman Dimmock is having her residence on Park street painted.

Frank Tracy of Worcester was the guest of friends in town on Monday.

F. S. Blanchard of Worcester visited friends here on Memorial Day.

John L. Mulcahy of North Brookfield is clerking in W. E. Stone's store.

Miss Grace Kinney of Springfield has been the guest of Miss Blanche Lyman.

A. E. Olney of Holyoke has been a guest of C. A. LeGro a part of the week.

The trustees of the Massachusetts epileptic hospital visited that institution yesterday.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday evening.

Miss Annie Fish left last night for a two-weeks' trip to New York and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown visited relatives in Orange over Sunday and Memorial Day.

H. L. Holden of New York is the guest of his father, H. P. Holden, for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. D. F. Holden of Hardwick, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Loomis.

William Millen of Rockaway, N. J., visited at his home on Park street Sunday and Monday.

Miss Allen of Fitchburg was the guest of Miss Norton at the Converse House Monday.

Louis Cross has returned from the Boston University Medical School for the summer vacation.

Misses Mae C. and Anna V. McDonald spent Sunday and Memorial Day with friends in Monson.

Miss Mamie McMahon of Ware spent Sunday and the first of the week with Miss Mamie Roche.

W. J. Keith will soon move from Converse avenue to the Universalist parsonage on Walnut street.

Dr. William Holbrook and daughter Idella left this afternoon for New York, to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. Henry Brown of Enfield has been visiting at the home of G. A. Rice on Pleasant street this week.

George Flanders, foreman at the wire mill, has moved his family into A. L. Holt's tenement at Shearer's Corner.

J. P. Manning of the Converse House is ill with a severe cold, and has been confined to his bed for several days.

William Thompson and Fred Corbin of Winsor, Ct., were guests of friends here Sunday and Memorial Day.

Repairs are being made in J. H. Haynes's store in Lynde's block, which was badly scorched by the recent fire.

Miss Grace Rickey, assistant teacher in the high school, visited at her home in Athol Sunday and Memorial Day.

Arthur Coates and William Grady of Springfield were the guests of their cousin, Miss Nellie Finnerty, Sunday.

Administration has been granted in the estate of Clara B. Holbrook, late of Palmer, William Holbrook, administrator.

D. W. Northrop, wife and children of Boston were guests at the home of A. J. Northrop Sunday and Memorial Day.

Grand Master Nevins of the Massachusetts lodge of Odd Fellows paid an official visit to Palmer lodge Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. A. Thomas of the Baptist church, Three Rivers, will exchange pulpits with Rev. C. R. Minard next Sunday morning.

Miss Ella Henighan of Childs's Business College, Springfield, visited her parents on Central street Sunday and Memorial Day.

C. W. Peck, fireman on Conductor Sedgwick's train, has been off duty this week, being troubled with muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. Sarah Wallace and daughter, Mrs. John Coles, and Miss Hattie Coles of Worcester have been visiting friends in town this week.

Two candidates were initiated at the meeting of the Royal Arcanum Tuesday evening. A collation was served after the work.

Contractor Lyman has submitted plans for the new hotel in Brimfield to the directors of the Brimfield hotel company, which is soon to be built.

Druggist M. D. Paige of Three Rivers was fined $50 for illegal liquor-keeping in the district court Saturday morning. An appeal was taken.

An effort is to be made to form an alumni association of the Palmer high school, and notices calling a meeting of those interested will be sent out soon.

Judge George Robinson and Rev. O. G. Petrie attended the convention of the Union Association of Universalist churches at Gardner Wednesday.

Miss Phebe Hastings of the Chapin school, Northampton, and Miss Ola Northrop of Mt. Holyoke College, were home over Sunday and Memorial Day.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church and their friends enjoyed a bicycle run to Monson Monday evening. About 35 riders participated.

Walter H. Brown of Tufts medical school has been visiting at his home. He has left for Cottage City, where he has secured employment for the summer.

The water was turned on in the W. C. T. U. drinking fountain this morning, and now a nice cool drink of Adam's ale can be had by anyone who desires such to quench his thirst.

The octagonal room in the front of the Flynt Building and Construction Co's. office, which has never been used since the office was built, is being put in shape for occupancy.

The match race at Ware Saturday between Dr. Ellery's "Eros, Jr.," and D. S. Kennedy's "Longshot," resulted in a victory for the latter. Quite a large delegation of Palmer people attended.

The incandescent lights have been placed on Commercial street, and the better service afforded by these over the one arc light formerly at the foot of the street will be greatly appreciated by the public.

The farewell entertainment given the class of '97 at the high school last Friday evening was well attended, and quite a sum of money realized. The programme rendered was especially pleasing and enjoyable.

Edwin C. Shanks, a former well-known resident, was married at St. Albans, Vt., Wednesday to Miss Flora P. Shedd of that town. Mr. Shanks has many friends here who wish him a long and blissful matrimony.

Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus Stimson and twin daughters of Bridgeport, Ct., have been spending the week with Mr. Stimson's parents at Palmer Center. Mrs. Stimson and children left to-day for her former home in Maine.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church held a business meeting Tuesday evening and appointed E. E. Brooks delegate to the national convention at Detroit, Michigan. A social time followed the business part of the meeting.

The athletic team of the Massachusetts Agricultural College took supper at the Converse House Monday evening during their stop in town on their way home from Willimantic, where they had met the Storrs athletic team.

Special Justice J. B. Shaw presided at the district court Wednesday morning in the absence of Judge Robinson. A drunk arrested Tuesday by Officer Eastman faced him and pleaded guilty. He was fined $5, which was paid.

Dewitt Richards has returned from the hospital in Boston, where he went to be treated for rheumatism, much improved, but is not yet quite able to attend to his duties as express messenger on Conductor Sedgwick's train.

Two riders who were going over the course of the bicycle road race collided near the town house Monday night, and as a result one walked home carrying his wheel in sections, the front wheel and the forks being in a badly damaged condition.

The Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans attended a memorial service at the Methodist church, Bondsville, Sunday at 5 p. m. A most appropriate sermon was listened to, preached by the pastor, Rev. Robert E. Smith.

Open-air temperance meetings will be held on the vacant lot between the opera house and Harwood's restaurant on Central street, to-morrow evening at 7 and Sunday afternoon at 5, when John R. Anderson of Boston will address the audience. Everybody is invited to attend.

Arrangements for the bicycle road race on Saturday afternoon of next week are progressing finely, and a good contest is assured. Although the entries are not all in yet, it is practically certain that there will be a dozen or fifteen riders in the race, enough to make it interesting from start to finish.

The proprietors of Forest Lake Garden felt rather blue over the prospect of a crowd when Monday morning dawned with a rain storm, but as the clouds cleared away the people began to congregate, and an unusually good day's business was the result. The last of the pleasure-seekers did not leave until about midnight.

It was reported on the street Tuesday night that a man had been killed near Holden & Fuller's woolen mill by the 10.30 p. m. freight from New London. Investigation showed that the rumor was untrue, though it was learned that the freight had struck a hand-car near Stafford, but no one sustained any injury.

Last Sunday marked the anniversary of the first liquor raids made by the prosecuting committee of last year, which have since been brought before the attention of the whole state. On that day the Nassowanno House, then run by M. D. Sullivan, and the pool room in the Converse House basement, kept by J. B. Dawson and J. P. Manning, were raided.

Daniel G. Baskey, who recently moved to Ware, suffered a little misfortune from fire last Sunday morning. He was living on the Charles Clark place on Clinton street. Early Sunday morning fire started in the barn, destroying that building and badly damaging the house before it was extinguished. He suffered a loss on his household goods, which is partially covered by insurance.

The selectmen have been asked to call a special town meeting not later than the 17th, the principal article relating to the purchase of additional land for the Thorndike street cemetery. The meeting will not be called until a later date however, as there are other matters which must be brought before the voters within a few days from that time, and there seems no good reason for calling two special meetings.

The new system of ventilation which was installed at the lockup last week by a prisoner breaking two plates of glass, has been found to be such a vast improvement over the old style that the glass has been allowed to remain out by the authorities. Jailer Allen is not pleased with the new system however, claiming that there is too much draft connected therewith, and danger of the prisoners catching cold.

The male quartette composed of E. B. Taylor, first tenor, William A. Weld, second tenor, Charles Wood, first bass, and Rev. C. R. Minard, second bass, which rendered the music so acceptably on Memorial Day, has organized permanently. There has been no organized male quartette in town for several years, though a large number of good singers have been available. The services of the above quartette can be secured at any time.

Simon Fitzgerald of Monson was brought before the district court Wednesday morning by Officer Osborne to be examined as to his sanity. Fitzgerald has been in Monson but a short time, having a brother and sister living in that town. He has been confined in an asylum before, both in this country and in Ireland. After an examination by Drs. Fuller and Jackson he was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum at Northampton.

Andrew Pinney, superintendent of the Palmer Carpet Mills, was held up again Wednesday morning, but this time the highwayman was a post on Main street. He was driving up to the walk near the post office when the team collided with the post bearing the post office sign with such force as to free the horse from the buggy. Mr. Pinney was thrown out but held on to the reins, and after being dragged a short distance succeeded in stopping the horse. He received a few bruises, but was not otherwise hurt.

At the regular session of the probate court in Springfield Wednesday the following business of local interest was transacted: Administration granted in the estate of Sophia S. Walbridge, late of Wales, Porter Walbridge administrator. Accounts rendered in the estates of—Maurice J. Moriarty and others of Palmer, minors; Achsa Drury, late of Brimfield; Mary D. Smith, late of Wales. Sale of real estate was ordered in the estate of John F. Lombard, late of Brimfield.

Charles DeCourcey, 36, died Friday evening of consumption after an illness of several years. Until recently he had been able to attend to his business. Last year he built a store at Shearer's Corner and catered especially to bicycle riders. Mr. DeCourcey has been a resident of Palmer for many years, and his death is regretted by many. He leaves a widow and one brother. The funeral was held Monday, burial taking place in the Thorndike street cemetery, Rev. O. G. Petrie officiating.

Harry W. Thompson, formerly of Palmer, and Mabel C. Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Sereno B. Johnson of Woodville, were married Tuesday at the bride's home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Athern, the ring service being used. There were no bridesmaids, but Miss Ruth Wood, cousin of the bride, acted as ring-bearer, and Miss Alice Banister of Palmer was flower girl. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including silver and cut-glass.

Saturday morning in the district court a drunk was fined $5, which he paid. Another drunk, James Breen, was not so fortunate in having money with which to pay his fine, and was committed to the house of correction at Springfield for two months. John Kenworthy of Palmer was arrested Saturday evening by Officer Eastman for drunkenness. He was released Sunday and was to appear Tuesday, but he forgot the fact and has since evidently been unmindful of it, for he has failed to show up.

A couple of riders on a tandem bicycle came to unexpected grief on Thorndike street Wednesday evening. They were just in front of the residence of G. M. Atkins when a part of the machine became loose and the cranks, pedals and chain came off and mixed themselves up with other parts of the apparatus in a promiscuous manner. The frame of the machine was badly twisted and the sprocket wheel bent nearly double, besides other injuries, and the machine will have to go to the works for a thorough overhauling.

THREE RIVERS.

Try Shady Lawn ice cream, at 56 Main street, Three Rivers.

Mrs. Charles Russell spent part of the week in Chester, visiting her husband and son.

Charles Russell has bought a new stock and started a branch livery stable at Chester.

The child of John Topur died Wednesday. The burial was in the Thorndike cemetery.

O. A. LaRiviere has a new partner in his store, Ephraim Durand having bought out Charles Bernard.

Miss Bandrie and Miss Gervais of Holyoke have been spending a part of the week with their parents in this place.

F. A. Ruggles has opened the Shady Lawn Cafe on the lawn at his residence, for the dispensing of ice cream, soda, etc., and is having a generous patronage.

It is expected that Rev. C. R. Minard of Palmer will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and officiate at the communion service. Regular service at 7 p m.

Rev. Joseph Marchand has returned from a three-weeks' trip through Canada. The trip from Quebec to Boston was made by boat. Rev. Mr. Alexandre of Holyoke officiated at St. Anne's church during his absence.

F. A. Ruggles will sell 25 building lots and two dwelling houses at auction on Saturday of next week. These are on Main, Frank and Charles streets, are desirable property and will make good investments. Here is a chance to obtain homes at reasonable prices.

Dr. LaFontaine's horse indulged in a lively runaway Monday. The animal took fright in front of Adams's drug store in Thorndike and ran to the railroad crossing in Three Rivers; there a freight blocked the street, so the horse turned along the track and circled the train. Fortunately no serious damage was done.

The Three Rivers ball team will meet the Belchertowns on the home grounds to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. These clubs have played three games, each having won one and tied the third. This game is to decide the series and will be hotly contested by both sides. Cook and White will do the battery work for Belchertown, and Connor and LaCrouse will be in the points for the home team. Admission 15 cents, ladies free.

THORNDIKE.

Miss Mamie Stokes has gone to live in Monson.

Many Thorndike people enjoyed themselves at Forest Lake Monday.

The Thorndikes go to Gilbertville to-morrow to play the local club.

Miss Maggie Hartnett of Springfield was the guest of her mother on Monday.

Miss Nellie Coffee returned on Monday from a visit with friends in Holyoke.

Edward McKelligett of Chicopee was the guest of his parents here the past week.

James Griffin of Indian Orchard, formerly of this place, was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. Charles Keith wife and children of Claremont, N. H., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gerald.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lyons of Springfield spent Memorial Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Riley.

Miss O'Conner of South Hadley has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Loftus, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll spent a few days in town this week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan of Ware were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Loftus on Sunday and Monday.

Miss Bridget O'Connor and Miss Annie Johnson spent Memorial Day in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKelligett.

Misses Julia, Kate and Lizzie Kelley of Holyoke have been the guests of Misses Hannah and Mary Keefe of Pine avenue this week.

Miss Sadie Keefe of Ware and the Misses Doyle of Monson have been the guests of Mrs. B. J. Sheehan of Church street during the past week.

The many friends of Rev. C. H. Hanks, a former pastor of the First Congregational church in this village, will be pleased to learn of his appointment to the honorable position of chaplain of the First Regiment, Light Artillery, Ohio National guards. Rev. Mr. Hanks is at present pastor of the First Congregational church at Zanesville, O., where he is enjoying a most successful pastorate.

Hurley—Crowley.

Dennis Crowley, only son of Mrs. Crowley of this place, were united in marriage at North Brookfield on Tuesday morning to Miss Mary Hurley of that place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Tuite in the Catholic church with a mass. The bridesmaid was Miss Nellie Howard, and the best man James McDonald. A reception was held at the bride's home, which was attended by many relatives and friends from this place.

Funeral of Nathan W. Bond.

The funeral of Nathan W. Bond, who died suddenly at his home on Thursday night of last week, was held from his late home on Sunday at 2 p. m. and was largely attended by the village people, as well as by many from out of town. A quartette consisting of Mrs. G. A. Murdock, Mrs. G. M. Gerrish, Mr. E. B. Williams and Mr. B. F. Emory sang several appropriate selections. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. Gerrish of the Congregational church, and remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Smith of Bondsville. The floral offerings were many and handsome. The bearers were Robert Burton, Harry Goodrick of Hartford, R. L. Bond, Henry Morgan and Charles Darling of Bondsville, William Morgan of Ware. The interment was in the cemetery at Four Corners.

BONDSVILLE.

James Fitzgerald of Chicopee Falls is visiting friends in town this week.

Alphonse Beauregard and family are visiting relatives in Adams this week.

A new fence is being built on the north side of the street leading to the new bridge.

Mrs. George Fairbanks of Ware has been visiting her niece, Mrs. H. L. Ryther, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sharratt spent Sunday and Memorial Day with Mrs. Sharratt's sister in Enfield.

H. C. Morgan and Harry L. Ryther have moved into the new house on Pleasant street built by T. D. Potter & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Randall of Gilbertville have been visiting Mrs. Randall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Canterbury.

The coal for the use of the schoolhouse the coming winter has arrived, and been put in this week by J. F. Holbrook & Son.

Henry Howe has accepted a position with the Nashville Mfg. Co., Nashville, Tenn., as overseer of spinning. He will begin his work there Monday.

Rev. R. E. Smith addressed the Grand Army Post, Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans in the Methodist church Sunday evening.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Thomas Bruce next Thursday afternoon. A temperance solo by Mrs. C. F. Armstrong will be a part of the programme.

Several of the local wheelmen have expressed their intention of entering the Palmer road race the twelfth of June. Some of them are likely to make the scratch men hustle to catch them.

The graduating class of the grammar school took a pleasure trip to Springfield last Saturday, accompanied by the principal, Miss Cleveland. Many points of interest were visited, and a pleasant time enjoyed by all.

Among those who spent Memorial Day with friends and relatives in town were Miss Anna Thayer of Hingham, Daniel Clifford of Springfield, Harry Sedgwick with lady friend of Athol, and Edward Landers of Indian Orchard.

The statement made last week that Michael Sullivan forced the proprietors of the Domestic Bakery to leave the building that he might run the business himself is denied by Mr. Sullivan, who says that not only did he not force them out, but that he tried to have them remain and take a lease of the shop for one or more years, which they refused to do, and it was only when he learned that they had engaged another store and hired a portable oven to put into it that he gave them notice to leave. George Healy, who has been doing the baking for the former proprietors, is associated with Mr. Sullivan, and will look after the business and continue to do the baking.

Found Dead in the Field.

John Shea, 75, died very suddenly at his home in South Belchertown last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Shea was ill with the grippe last winter and had not felt well since then, but had not been confined to the house. Last Saturday after eating dinner he went to the field to finish planting some corn. As he did not return for a long time his daughter, who lives with him, went to look for him and found him lying on the ground dead, with his hoe still in his hand. The deceased leaves two sons, Daniel of Springfield and Michael of Northampton, also two daughters, Bridget and Johanna, both of whom lived at home. The funeral was held Tuesday morning, high mass being celebrated in St. Bartholomew's church by Rev. B. McKeany.

BORN.

At Springfield, 29th ult., a son to George and Bertha Beecher, formerly of Palmer.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 31st ult., by Rev. C. R. Minard, Edward Green and Delia Dane.
At Monson, 2d, by Rev. A. R. Nichols, Edwin C. Bradway and Mary A. Williams.
At Ware, 2d, by Rev. James Boyle, Michael E. Fitzgerald and Jessie Snow.
At Woodville, 1st, Harry W. Thompson, formerly of Palmer, and Mabel C. Johnson of Woodville.
At Hartford, Ct., 2d, Thomas Gilligan of Hartford and Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Branick of Monson.
At St. Albans, Vt., 2d, Edwin C. Shanks, formerly of Palmer, and Flora P. Shedd.

DIED.

At Belchertown, 2d, Lyman Harvey, 70.
At South Belchertown, 29th ult., John Shea, 75.
At Oakdale, 31st ult., Mrs. Fanny Adams, 90, formerly of Wilbraham.
At Worcester, 29th ult., Ellie Aldrich, wife of T. A. Estabrook.

TO RENT.—A desirable barn on Pleasant street. 8-3 MRS. A. LOOMIS.

TO RENT.—Small tenement in Commercial Block. C. D. HOLBROOK. 9-tf

LOT Second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. 6-13 GEORGE W. LYMAN, Palmer.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mary A. Gage, late of Monson, in the County of Hampden, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
JOHN CROSS, Administrator.
Monson, Mass., May 5th, 1897. 8-3

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Beautiful Printed Organdie Mulls—about 2000 yards of it—worth 12½c a yard—for this sale 5c per yard!

Whole Counterful
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Morrill Prescott, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, to the Ware Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law at Ware, in the County of Hampshire, and said Commonwealth, said deed being dated April 6, A. D. 1892, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, book 483, page 114, for breach of the condition thereof and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, the said Ware Savings Bank will sell at public auction, near the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the nineteenth day of June, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, the description therein being as follows:

"A certain parcel of real estate situated in said Palmer and bounded as follows: On the easterly side by the over Hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware, and for a full and accurate description reference is hereby made to the deed of Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff, dated July 19th, 1887, and recorded with Hampden County deeds, book 433, page 532, being same premises conveyed by said deed." And the description in said deed from Maria A. Snow to Emily Goff is as follows:

"A certain tract of land situated in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point on the westerly side of the over hill road leading from Thorndike to Ware where the westerly line of said road is intersected by the southerly line of land of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Co., being the northeasterly corner of the land to be conveyed, thence westerly on the southerly line of said Railroad Co's. land about 75 rods to the southerly line of land of Luther Collis (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) thence westerly on said Collis land about 30 rods to a corner, thence southerly on land of John R. Carmody (formerly of Cyrus K. Taylor) from a stake and stones to a stake and stones on northerly line of land of Maurice Lawler, then easterly on said Lawler's line to said road, thence northerly on line of said road to the place of beginning, containing about 45 acres with the buildings thereon. Sale will be made subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments, if any.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

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By GEORGE D. STORRS, Attorney.
Ware, Mass., May 11, 1897. 8-3

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 4, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

For Sale Low.—One ox wagon, nearly new; two very good ox carts in prime condition. No use for them. R. M. & Theo. Reynolds.

THE LYON WILL CASE.

Is Being Tried in the Superior Court at Springfield. Much Interesting Testimony Heard.

The celebrated Lyon will case, which was recently appealed by the contestants from the decree of the probate allowing the will to be probated, went on trial before a special sitting of the supreme court, Judge Morton presiding, at Springfield last Friday. Hopkins and Goulding of Worcester and Barrows of Springfield appear for the contestants, and Carroll and Brooks for the executors and heirs of the will.

Walter S. Robinson, one of the witnesses of the will, was the first witness. He testified that while the formalities of the signing of the will were taking place Mrs. Lyon laughingly asked his father, Gov. Robinson, if he thought she was crazy. To which Gov. Robinson said to Mr. Gill, another witness, "She doesn't look like a crazy woman, does she?" to which the latter replied, "No, indeed."

James D. Gill testified that on several occasions Mrs. Lyon had complained to him that Chalmers Dale, Sr., would not let her see little Chalmers as often as she wished. After the execution of the second codicil she remarked to witness that she had taken her property from the hands of Mr. Dale and placed it in the hands of Henry A. King. She said that she thought her property would be better managed in the hands of Mr. King. At one time she remarked that Mr. Dale had cautioned her about expending more money than she could afford. She had never expressed anything but the deepest affection for her grandchild.

Dr. Luke Corcoran testified that he was Mrs. Lyon's family physician up to 1893, the year he witnessed the will. He had treated her to a limited extent for the ordinary ailments, but never for any chronic ailment. When she asked him to witness her will she stated that she made Mr. King her executor, giving as one of the reasons that Mr. Dale had criticised her expenditures and refused to allow her to see her grandchild. In his opinion Mrs. Lyon was a clever woman, though not an intellectual giant. She was a very positive woman. The class of minds to which hers belonged might yield to subtle influences. Lawyer J. B. Carroll then read the codicils.

Col. Hopkins then outlined the defense, saying in part: "In regard to the testatrix and those related to her, it is to be said that she was the widow of Horatio Lyon, who died in 1879. He was a wealthy manufacturer, lived in Monson and left at his death about $900,000. A daughter, Carrie, married Chalmers Dale. At the time of Mr. Lyon's death the property was divided so that Mrs. Dale received a large share. Chalmers Dale, Jr., is the only heir-at-law. There are six grand nieces enumerated in the first codicil as residuary legatees. Three of them are in the Flynt family and three in the Reed family. Before Mrs. Dale's death in 1882 Mrs. Lyon built a library in Monson at an expense of $40,000 as a memorial to her husband, which she presented to the town with an endowment of $20,000. About this time Mr. Dale was asked to take charge of Mrs. Lyons' affairs, then consisting roughly of about $365,000 and her house in Monson. Mr. Dale acted as her agent through power of attorney, and the property did not leave his hands until October, 1894. During that time he made monthly report of the property in his hands. When Mrs. Lyon died her estate ought to have been worth $800,000. In 1882 a will was made by her that had a provision for the boy Chalmers, who was then an infant, creating a trust fund of $100,000 for him. And after a few bequests she gave the residuum of her property to Chalmers Dale, Sr. In 1886 additional bequests were made, but the main bequests remained unchanged. Mr. Dale did not know of the contents of the will of 1892 until after these probate proceedings had been begun. In 1891 Mrs. Lyon made a will, but it cannot be found. If it is produced it will show, and if it is not produced we shall show, that the bulk of her property was willed to Chalmers Dale, Jr. Miss Reed came to live in the family of Mrs. Lyon in Monson." Col. Hopkins then outlined certain testimony which he would introduce concerning the relations of Miss Reed to Mrs. Lyon and Chalmers Dale, on account of which Mr. Dale would not let his son see his grandmother where he would hear such tales.

Chalmers Dale was the first witness put on the stand by the contestants. He gave quite a full genealogy of the Lyon family. He stated that at Mrs. Lyon's request he assumed charge of the property and was given a power of attorney. Every month he sent statements to Mrs. Lyons. At the close of every year he sent to her a resumé of receipts and expenditures. From the time he received the management of the property until he relinquished it there had been no fault found with his management. Mrs. Lyon had frequently thanked him for his services. Very often she would urge the witness to take a stated sum, but he always refused. And Mrs. Lyon would say that it made no difference; he and the boy would get it all when she was dead. She frequently said in this general way that the bulk of her property would go to himself and the boy. He had never tried to have her curtail her expenses, but on the contrary to widen them on account of the large income. He was often asked for advice about giving money to some school or college. He was also consulted about the buying of the house which she purchased. Mrs. Dale also came up and looked at it, and Mrs. Lyon said to her, "You must look at it, too, as you will have to live in it after I am gone." He first met Miss Reed at Mrs. Lyon's about 1881. Mrs. Lyon was not sure that Miss Reed was the companion she wanted, but witness and Mrs. Dale thought it would be good to have her. Miss Reed at first assumed a subordinate position, but later assumed quite a dictatorial attitude. At one time Mrs. Lyon told witness that Miss Reed had been making nasty remarks about him, that he was not fit to have charge of his boy, that he was not honest, that he was not making proper accounts, that Mrs. Lyon did not dare do anything without consulting the witness. He said he told her he would not come to Springfield or allow his boy to come and hear his father blackguarded. He had never prevented Mrs. Lyon from seeing Chalmers. She was always welcome at his home. In 1895 at her request he sent Chalmers from Cold Spring to New York to see her. His testimony concerning the transfer of the property to Mr. King was quite acid and caused at times some tittering among the spectators.

Adjournment was then made until Tuesday, when court was resumed with Chalmers Dale again on the stand. Witness said that Mrs. Lyon had changed both in form and manner the last few years of her life. She seemed more decrepit, and did not take nor retain ideas as formerly. He said the last time he was present at Mrs. Lyon's something of a disagreeable nature arose, he would not tell what. He thought it was between Mrs. Dale and Lizzie Reed, it surely was not between Mrs. Lyon and himself.

A large part of the afternoon was spent in reading letters from Mrs. Lyon to her various relatives, in which at one time she spoke of Chalmers Dale in unsparing terms and again praised him.

Mrs. Margaret Hall of Westbury, L. I., testified that she was a maid of Mrs. Carrie Dale at one time and had known Mrs. Lyon. She came to Springfield in 1892 and stopped over to see Mrs. Lyon, not then being in the employ of Mr. Dale. Mrs. Lyon at that time took her over the house and in reply to the question to whom she would leave it said, "To whom else but Chalmers?" Court adjourned at 5.30, and came in again Wednesday morning.

The deposition of Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, Chalmers Dale's mother, was read. During the last 10 years of her life Mrs. Lyon had often spoken of making little Chalmers her principal heir. On one occasion Mrs. Lyon, accompanied by Miss Reed, came to her house. As she did not wish to see Miss Reed she took Mrs. Lyon upstairs. While they were talking Miss Reed came up without an invitation and said they must go home, and as Mrs. Lyon did not move she put on her wrap and assisted her to her feet.

Miss Annie Hughes of Springfield, who was second-girl for Mrs. Lyon for 13 years, testified that in 1891 she saw a will lying on Mrs. Lyon's desk. She saw all the different names. Chalmers Dale, Jr., was the first, Miss Reed the second, Mrs. Flynt, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Perkins among the others. Witness said that Mrs. Lyon said that Miss Reed was of an ugly disposition and was hard to get along with. This is the will concerning which Col. Hopkins spoke in his outline.

Chalmers Dale, Jr., was next examined. He had remembered his grandmother as long as he remembered anything. Mrs. Lyon had often told him that he would be a wealthy man and that he would be her heir.

The present Mrs. Chalmers Dale then testified concerning the friendly relations existing between herself and Mrs. Lyon, who always spoke of Mr. Dale in the warmest terms, and of the good care he was giving her property. Mrs. Lyon had complained to witness that Miss Reed made her do many things she did not wish to do. It was a common occurence for her to say that "Lizzie was begging for a dress," and that she was tormenting her for an increased allowance. The contestants here rested their case.

For the defense Dr. W. H. Pomeroy was called and testified that for several years he was Mrs. Lyon's family physician. He considered her sound mentally. He saw her at her reception at the Massasoit House in December, 1896, and she was in remarkable good mental and physical condition. She had told him that she had changed her will to suit herself.

Mrs. H. A. Gould testified that Mrs. Lyon said that her son-in-law had the whole care of her property, and she did not know if it was wise. Later she said she had taken it from him and put it in the care of Mr. King. She said she had left her grandson sufficient for him, and that with what he would receive from his father would be enough to ruin the young man.

Dr. F. W. Chapin testified to attending Mrs. Lyon in her last illness. He considered her a woman of good will power and well preserved for her years. Mrs. Amanda Beebe also testified to an acquaintance with Mrs. Lyon. She had told witness that she could not get all the money she wanted from Dale. That the reason she allowed him to keep the property so long was in hopes that she might see her little grandson oftener. At one time she told witness that she had given Mt. Holyoke $500 as a thank offering for having got rid of Mr. Dale's control.

Adjournment was then made until Thursday morning. An all-day session was held and much testimony was taken. Miss Reed and H. A. King were sworn, but did not testify. A number of witnesses testified to Mrs. Lyon's shrewdness in her business dealings with them, and all considered her an intelligent woman. Others testified that Mrs. Lyon had spoken to them of the shabby way in which Mr. Dale had conducted her business, and the reason why she had taken her property from his hands was that she became distrustful of him. Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb, a neighbor of Mrs. Lyon's, gave the most positive testimony of the day. Witness had visited New York with Mrs. Lyon and Miss Reed, and related a number of incidents which happened which showed Mrs. Lyon's firm will. Also that Mrs. Lyon, after reading a letter from Mr. Dale at one time, remarked to witness, "I tell you what it is, Mrs. Whitcomb, I have as hard work to get my money as if it didn't belong to me." On another occasion she said, "Mr. Dale has said to me that no one else could take care of my property," and that "Mr. Dale has told me to remember that he could break any will I chose to make." Another session was held to-day, and as many other witnesses are to be examined the session will probably be prolonged into next week.

The Observance of Memorial Day.

The Memorial exercises began Sunday afternoon at Memorial Hall with a sermon by Rev. F. S. Hatch. The platform had been beautifully decorated with plants, wreaths, flowers and flags, by Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps. There was a large attendance, the front part of the hall being occupied at this service and the exercises of Monday by Marcus Keep post, A. A. Gage camp Sons of Veterans, and the Relief Corps. Mr. Hatch's sermon was based upon the words "I fought the good fight," etc., in which he compared the great generals of the war to Paul. During Monday morning the soldiers' graves in the small cemeteries of the town were decorated by members of the post; also the graves of members of the Relief Corps by members of the order. The memorial exercises of the day were held in the afternoon, and were exceptionally good. A male chorus conducted by A. D. Norcross rendered war songs, Mr. Norcross and H. F. Miller taking solo parts. The school children under the direction of Miss J. V. Cantwell sang three songs. Commander J. C. Aldrich welcomed the various organizations, general orders were read by Adjutant G. H. Foskit, and a short speech was made by Dr. G. E. Fuller. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Blackford, and the address was given by Rev. N. L. Porter of North Brookfield, a veteran. His reminiscences of the war were given in an entertaining manner, his descriptions being graphic and well received. At the close of the address the veterans and their sons, escorted by the Monson Cornet Band and followed by a large number of carriages, formed a long procession which proceeded to No. 1 cemetery, where the graves of the dead soldiers were covered with flowers. Returning to the hall, Commander Aldrich gave the order to halt on the lawn in front, and in a few words presented a crayon picture of the late Alvin A. Gage to the post in behalf of the late Mrs. Gage's family. The picture had already been hung over the platform in G. A. R. hall. Under the glass are the various badges which give in part Mr. Gage's military story. One is of the 27th regiment, Mass. Volunteers; one is of the G. A. R., with the past commander's strap, and one of the Council of Administration of the Department of Mass. The picture is to be handed down to the S. of V. camp. The veterans and the camp were served a supper in G. A. R. hall by the Relief Corps.

Bicycle Road Race.

Arrangements are being made for a bicycle road race for Monson riders only, to take place Tuesday evening, June 15th. The start will probably be made at North Monson and the course be from there to Memorial Hall or Howe & Co's. store, back to North Monson again, with the finish at Memorial Hall. In taking this course Main street will be covered three times, giving the people a chance to witness a large portion of the race. The committee in charge consists of G. L. Keeney, F. E. Severy and F. E. Cady. Suitable prizes will be given.

Epworth League Convention.

The following is the programme of the Epworth League convention to be held in the M. E. church next Friday, as arranged by the president, Rev. R. E. Smith of Bondsville:

MORNING.

10.30 Devotional Service, C. A. Bradway.
10.40 Greeting, E. J. Osborne.
10.50 Our Responsibility to the Missionary Cause, Rev. John Mason.
11.15 What is Baptism? Rev. N. L. Porter. Reading.
11.40 Salient Features of Our Church Polity, Rev. J. R. Chaffee. Reading, Miss Blanche Hatch.
12.30 Collation.

AFTERNOON.

2.00 Devotional Service.
2.15 Methodism, Past, Present and Future, Rev. Wesley Wiggin. Reading, "How Ruby Played," Rev. A. B. Gifford.
2.45 New England for Christ, Rev. F. E. Jenkins. Harmonica Solo, Orin F. Parent.
3.15 Stones for the Chinks, Rev. G. W. Simonson. Vocal Solo, Rev. A. B. Gifford.
3.45 Question Box, conducted by Rev. G. A. Eaton, D. D.
4.15 Annual election of officers, and other business.
5.30 Collation.

EVENING.

7.00 Aspiration Service, Rev. J. W. Fulton.
7.30 Music, Monson choir. Banners awarded.
7.45 Address, Some Difficulties in Bible Study, Rev. G. F. Eaton, D. D. Music, Monson choir. Benediction.

Williams–Bradway.

A pretty home wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the house of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams in South Monson, when their daughter, Mary A., was united in marriage to Edwin C. Bradway. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreen and potted plants, the ceremony being performed under an evergreen arch from which was suspended a floral horseshoe, by Rev. A. R. Nichols of the Methodist church, in the presence of only the two families. The bride was prettily attired in a gown of white jacquard with ribbon and pearl trimmings, and carried bride roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Estella M. Hodge, was dressed in dotted swiss with lace and ribbon trimmings, and carried roses. The best man was William C. Nelson. Soon after the ceremony the happy couple left for a short wedding trip, and will on their return reside in Mrs. M. J. Bradway's house on Hampden avenue.

Miss Letha Potter is spending the week in Springfield.

Miss Ethel Rood spent Sunday with friends in Springfield.

Mrs. Joseph C. Parsons is visiting friends in Springfield.

Prof. A. N. Burke spent Sunday at his home in Norwich.

Mrs. Fletcher is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Nordstrom.

Mrs. Esther Russell spent Sunday at her home in West Stafford.

The public schools will close June 18th, instead of June 11th.

Alfred W. Dana took a bicycle trip Saturday to his home in Franklin.

James Gorden of Boston has been visiting Arthur H. Orcutt for a few days.

Edward J. Cantwell of North Brookfield has been visiting friends in town.

Miss Purrington of Willimantic was Miss Letha Potter's guest over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Gordon of Amherst is visiting Mrs. Norman Fenton on Main street.

Henry Bughee has taken E J. Osborn's place as janitor of the Methodist church.

R. M. Reynolds has placed his small boats on the pond near his house for the season.

C. C. Abbe of Chicopee is making extensive repairs on the old cigar shop near the depot.

George Entwistle of Spencer spent Memorial Day with his mother, Mrs. C. Entwistle.

The A. A. Gage camp S. of V. holds its regular meeting next Tuesday night in the G. A. R. hall.

Charles M. Webber has taken his trotter, "Robert E.," to Springfield to be trained by Fred Howard.

Cady Blanchard has been spending a week with his sister, Mrs. Frank Bardwell, in North Hatfield.

Mrs. William Carew and son have gone to her old home in Farmington Falls, Maine, for the summer.

Miss Lena Babbitt will play the organ at the Universalist church during the absence of Mrs. L. L. Chapin.

Arthur King of Worcester spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. King on South Main street.

Mrs. Thomas H. Todd sang in the Universalist church last Sunday morning in the absence of Miss Ethel Rood.

Warren Newton of West Upton spent a few days the first of the week with his mother, Mrs G. H. Newton.

The subject of the discourse at the Congregational church Sunday morning will be "Investigation and progress."

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold a special business meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the church.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church is to hold a strawberry festival and lawn party on Flynt's park next Friday, to commence at 5 o'clock.

Miss Mary Field, who has been spending the winter with Miss Sarah Bradway, has gone to North Amherst, where she will remain with friends during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman C. Flynt and son Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Nelson of New York started Monday on a two-weeks' fishing trip in Nova Scotia.

Miss Mary Brannick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brannick of this place, and Thomas Gilligan of Hartford were married Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at the cathedral in Hartford. The couple will reside in that place.

Mrs. Lillian L. Chapin and Miss Carrie Chapin leave to-morrow for Westfield, where they will join a party for Nashville, Tenn., to be gone three or four weeks. They expect to visit the Centennial before their return.

The body of Effie Aldrich, wife of T. A. Estabrook of Worcester, who died very suddenly last Saturday of heart failure, was brought here for burial in the Aldrich cemetery on East Hill Wednesday afternoon. Short services were held at the grave.

Ralph Darling left to-day for Springfield, where he is to learn the paper hanging trade.

Jesse Moulton, for a number of years employed at the Central Vermont railroad station, has resigned his position, which has been taken by John P. Sloan of West Castleton, Vt.

The festival given in Memorial Hall last evening by the Monson Cornet Band was a success in every respect. The proceeds will go toward furnishing new instruments and music. The band will probably favor the public this summer with a series of open-air concerts.

Rev. Harry Blackford attended the annual meeting of the Union Association of Universalists and the Western New England Ministers' meeting held at Gardner Wednesday. At the Association meeting he delivered an address on "Problems of the Universalist church."

The Odd Fellows are to observe June 13th as their memorial day. Services will be held in Memorial Hall at 2.30, and an address appropriate for the occasion will be delivered by Rev. F. E. Jenkins of Palmer, after which the members of the order will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the Odd Fellows.

The women teachers of the Academy have sent out invitations to a "Bird Talk," to be given in the Academy chapel next Monday evening by Mr. W. W. Colburn of Springfield, formerly principal of the high school. Mr. Colburn is an interesting speaker, and an authority on birds in this region. The talk will be illustrated by stuffed specimens kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Milton Howe.

Simon Fitzgerald was taken in charge Tuesday by Officer Osborne because of insanity. He was taken before the Palmer court Wednesday and sent to Northampton. Fitzgerald has been in Monson but a few months, coming here from Ireland, and has been living with his brother and sister. For the last week he has acted so strangely that complaint was made to the town authorities. This is his second trip to this country, and when here before he was in an asylum for some time. He had just sent for a ticket to return to Ireland, but it was not thought best to let him undertake the journey alone at present.

LUDLOW.

Mrs. Mary Clifford, wife of Michael Clifford, died at her home Sunday. She leaves besides a husband, six children, Mrs. Julia Ryan of Bridgeport, Ct., and Timothy M., Margaret, Catherine, Helen and Mary, who live at home. The funeral was held Tuesday morning with requiem high mass.

HAMPDEN.

Amos Hines has returned from his visit to Rodman, N. Y.

John Pilling has been taken to the insane asylum at Northampton.

Miss E. C. Beebe and her mother are visiting friends in Boston.

Presiding Elder Knowles will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday. A. D. Seaver of Glendale has been engaged as organist for the year.

James B. Sargent of the Hartford Theological Seminary of Hartford, Ct., who has been supplying the pulpit at the Congregational church the past few Sundays, has accepted the call to become pastor of the church and will enter upon his duties immediately after graduating. Mr. Sargent will be ordained some time in June. Rev. Mr. Smith of East Longmeadow preached last Sunday.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Miss Eunice E. Bell has been spending the week with friends in East Providence, R. I.

Mabel F. Gates acted as librarian at the public library Wednesday, in the absence of Miss Bell.

Elizabeth Howard of Turner's Falls has been the guest of Miss Nellie Fuller for several days.

Mrs. Nellie Haughton Buffington of Springfield was the guest of Mrs. W. L. Collins Sunday and Monday.

Rev. Nichols Vander Pyl of Holliston, a former pastor of Grace church, was in town Monday as the guest of E. W. Wall.

A. E. Bell and family went to Ashland last Saturday, remaining through Memorial Day and returning home Monday evening.

Miss Doris Gay Vander Pyl, who has been visiting Mrs. E. W. Wall the past three weeks, returned yesterday to her home in Holliston.

Rev. H. B. Mason, pastor of Grace church, was in Hartford Tuesday and Wednesday in attendance on the commencement exercises at The Hartford Theological School, of which he is a graduate.

Henry C. Butler, for a number of years foreman of the loading department at Cutler's elevator, will leave the service of the company to-morrow. His successor has not yet been secured.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. J. W. Brown is very sick at her home.

Richard Heidel of Pittsfield spent Sunday with his parents.

Chester A. Bemis has returned from a visit with his brother in Worcester.

Miss Merritt has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Doane, in Springfield.

Rev. A. B. Gifford of West Brookfield will preach in the M. E. church Sunday morning.

The Warren Cotton Mills office has been moved across the street and below its former site.

Mrs. W. A. Reed of Boston has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Johnson.

Mrs. Aaron Bowdoin of Limerick, Me., was in town last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson.

John Collins has been appointed a special police officer. J. J. Shaw has been appointed police officer at the No. 4 mill.

Geo. A. Barton, Geo. A. Jr., and Miss Jennie M. Barton of Millbury, also Eugene A. Barton of New Hartford, Ct., spent Memorial Day in town.

E. Strickland, who has been baggage master at the station for the past six years, has resigned. P. Shea will attend to the baggage in connection with his other duties.

The stone work on the new railroad bridge is nearly completed. A slight alteration is to be made in the center abutment on account of the building of a retaining wall.

BELCHERTOWN.

Miss Eva Morse Florence has been at home this week.

Children's night was observed at the Grange Tuesday evening.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Hall and daughter, Miss May, were guests at W. E. Bridgman's Tuesday.

A number of men and teams were at work grading the walks on the grounds of the Congregational society Tuesday.

Lyman Harvey, 70, died of appoplexy at his home near the depot Wednesday night. He leaves a wife. The burial took place in Thorndike.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gould and Mrs. Martin Hastings attended the funeral of Mrs. Gould's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, at Coventry, Ct., Wednesday.

Asahel H. Dorman, 72, died at his home in the Center Monday night. Mr. Dorman was much esteemed as a citizen, and his death will be felt as a loss to the town. He was very public spirited and ever ready to further anything for the welfare of the town. He had been a member of the Legislature from Belchertown, and was an active member of the Congregational church. In recent years he had carried on an extensive grain business in connection with G. E. Sanford. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. G. E. Sanford of Belchertown and Mrs. Allred Heath of South Framingham. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. J. Newton officiating.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Mary Paige is visiting friends in Springfield.

Mrs. Anderson and Miss Warren have returned from New York city, where they have been spending the winter.

Mrs. Walter Prickett and son of Springfield have arrived in town for the summer. They are guests of Mrs. Prickett's father, Postmaster Pierson.

Memorial Day was observed in the usual quiet way. Sunday afternoon a procession was formed at the town hall and marched to the cemetery, where the soldiers' graves were decorated.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Hitchcock Free High School alumni association was held Monday, at which various committees were chosen to make arrangements for the fifth triennial reunion, to be held August 26.

The directors of the Brimfield hotel company have accepted two plans for the hotel. One is drawn by G. W. Lyman of Palmer, the other by J. M. Warren of Worcester. The plans are materially the same and the cost of the building will decide which one will be adopted. The specifications have been made and bids will be received soon.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the public library was held Friday evening. O. F. Brown was chosen chairman, G. M. Hitchcock clerk, and Miss M. A. Tarbell librarian. The following committee was chosen to purchase books: Mrs. J. H. Noyes, Mrs. R. M. Lincoln, Miss M. A. Tarbell and Charles Brown. Miss Morrison, secretary of the Woman's Education Association of Boston, Miss Chandler of Lancaster and Mrs. Willard of Boston visited the library Friday. This association is promoting literary interests by loaning public libraries sets of books for a certain period. The Brimfield library has had the loan of a fine set of books on American history the past year.

WARREN.

Mrs. Julia Newton is visiting friends in Worcester.

George Crosby spent Sunday at his home on Maple street.

Miss Helen Demond was home from Smith College for the holiday.

The W. C. T. U. met at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Root on Main street this afternoon.

Miss Emma Blodgett was home from Springfield for Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Morgan was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hastings Sunday and Monday.

Miss May Powers was the guest of her mother, Mrs. William Powers, last Sabbath.

Mrs. W. B. Forbush and infant son have gone to Yarmouth, N. S, for a month's vacation.

Mrs. Jennings is spending the week in Malden, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Russell.

Most of the merchants exhibited the tricolors in appropriate decorations for Memorial Day.

Mrs. Sprague Ellis and Miss Ellen Bowen of Rome, N. Y., are the guests of Mrs. C. N. Shepard.

The Epworth League gave a strawberry festival in the vestry of the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Philip M. Jennings has received $3000 from the Royal Arcanum, that being the amount of her husband's insurance.

About 75 of the employes of the George F. Blake Manufacturing Company came to Warren to spend Memorial Day. Reduced rates were obtained on the railroad.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Edith Barnes Morse and Walter Franklin Tourtellott next Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Morse.

The subscribers to the stock of the Warren Steam Pump Company will meet in Brigham's Hall to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock, to arrange incorporation papers, and to transact other business.

Monday passed very quietly, owing to the stormy weather. The usual decoration of graves with appropriate exercises took place in the morning. Quite a number went to attend the exercises at West Brookfield in the afternoon, and many also went to Spencer.

WARE.

William Marland is seriously ill at his home on Eddy Hill.

Mrs. P. Glaney has purchased the Moriarty cottage on Eddy street.

Miss Edith Cummings of Springfield visited friends at Ware Center Sunday and Monday.

Dr. Pearson has been entertaining his father, W. E. Pearson of Boston, the past week.

C. C. Hitchcock has left on a month's tour to Nebraska. Mr. Hitchcock owns real estate in that state.

Competition between two local ice companies has reduced the price of ice this year from 25 to 15 cents per 100 pounds.

Miss Katherine Kennedy, teacher of music in the public schools, will have charge of the commencement music of the Westfield State Normal School.

James Moran and two companions hired a pair of horses of James Moulson of West street to go to Brookfield Monday. While returning about 11 p. m. one of the horses dropped dead just out of town.

While James Fitzpatrick was turning into his driveway on West street Monday evening his team was struck by one containing a gentleman and young lady, totally destroying it. The occupants of both teams were thrown out but were not injured.

The 11-years-old daughter of F. G. Martin of Pleasant street died Tuesday morning from diphtheria, and the burial took place a few hours later. Arrangements have been made by the board of health to prevent any of the children of the family from attending school.

George Holden, 75, sustained a paralytic shock Monday morning and now lies in a critical condition. He went to his land near the driving park about 8 o'clock to do some work. Nothing was seen of him until noon, when he was found near his work, unconscious, by Lyman Hathaway. Dr. Auger was called and he was removed to his home.

Michael E. Fitzgerald and Miss Jessie Snow of Ware were married Wednesday noon at the parochial residence on Bank street by Rev. James Boyle. Thomas Fitzgerald, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Elizabeth Snow, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The couple left on the afternoon train for a week's trip to Boston.

The new barn on Clinton street owned by Charles Clark was destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 3.30 o'clock. Two horses, harness and a tea wagon were destroyed. The place was occupied by Daniel G. Buskey, a tea peddler. The barn was insured for $100 and the horses for $300. The end of the dwelling house was also damaged to an amount of about $200.

WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Frank Warner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Learned, in Agawam.

E. H. Brewer of Dalton was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Henry Brower, Sunday.

Mrs Fanny Adams, 90, a former resident of Wilbraham, and mother of Rev. William H. Adams of Oakdale, died Monday at her home in Oakdale. Her body was brought to Wilbraham to-day for interment in Woodland Dell cemetery.

The Memorial Day Exercises.

Memorial exercises here commenced Sabbath morning, when the veterans attended the First Congregational church in a body and listened to an eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. M. S. Howard, from the text, "Render unto Caesar therefore the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are Gods." The graves of the comrades at Butlerville were decorated in the afternoon, and Monday at 9.30 a. m. the memorial address was given in the Memorial Methodist church by Rev. William Rice Newhall, principal of Wesleyan Academy. The central thought was to the effect that the noblest monument to the veterans is the United States. It was shown that the real issue in 1861 was not the emancipation of the negro race, nor a struggle over state sovereignty, nor even the supremacy of democracy; these all were subordinate to the large issue of the maintenance of the Union. It was not a sectional struggle in that it did not have a local origin, nor result in a local supremacy. The end was not the victory of Virginia or Massachusetts. It was not a question of geography but a crisis of national life. It was a fight between the New England idea of a great free republic based on individual integrity and intelligence, and a mighty military empire whose corner stone was slavery. The perpetuity of the Union was bound up with the success of the New England idea. Illustrations were given of the slow growth of the sentiment of the Union, and reference was made to the great leaders, both civil and military. The prominent part of Massachusetts was also set forth. "This is our real birthday. The most fitting memorial of the veteran soldiers is the United States. It is for us to preserve by our virtue and vigilance, and maintain by our diligence what they by their valor won; to brand as traitor every man who takes a bribe; to put the mark of Cain on the brow of every dictator of the day who, by stirring up strife and animosity among neighbors or states diminishes respect for the regular procedure of law. It is our duty to attend caucus and town meeting as promptly as these veterans went on picket duty or dress parade. The realization must be a larger realization of our national destiny. The free union of states must extend not only over the continent, but include the islands of the sea, yet by peaceable possession. Our nation is too great to be bullied and too just to steal. * * * On this day lift the little children up in your arms to kiss the dear old flag. I verily believe it is better to be the son of an American veteran than to be born the son of a king." After the exercises, the veterans formed in line and accompanied by the West Brookfield band marched to the soldiers' monument and from there proceeded to the graves at Woodland Dell and in the Adams cemetery; over forty resting places of the Union dead were visited.

Academy Commencement Week Programme.

A class of thirty-eight will graduate from Wesleyan Academy this commencement, and the following is the programme for anniversary week: Monday, June 14th, field day; Friday, 18th, 7.45 p. m., first and second year prize declamations; Saturday, 7.45 p. m., principal's reception to senior class; Sunday, 20th, 10.45 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, Rev. George E. Reed, D. D.; 7.45 p. m., alumni sermon, Rev. Crandall J. North, D. D.; Monday, June 21st, oral examination's throughout day; 4 p. m., art reception at studio; 7.15 p. m., prize declamations, junior class; Tuesday, 22d, oral examinations; 2 p. m., annual meeting of the board of trustees; 2.30 p. m., class day exercises of the senior class; 7.45 p. m., annual concert, Weldon G. Hunt, baritone soloist; Wednesday, 23d; 10 a. m., report of annual committee, award of prizes; 2.30 p. m., dedication of the new Smith memorial gymnasium, orator, Rev. James M. Buckley, D. D., L. L. D.; 7.45 p. m., alumni reception; Thursday, 24th, 9.30 a. m., graduating exercises; 1 p. m., anniversary dinner. The 1.15 p. m. express from Springfield will stop at Wilbraham on the Smith memorial dedication day, to accommodate those leaving Albany on the 10 a. m. express, or New York on the 9 a. m. express.

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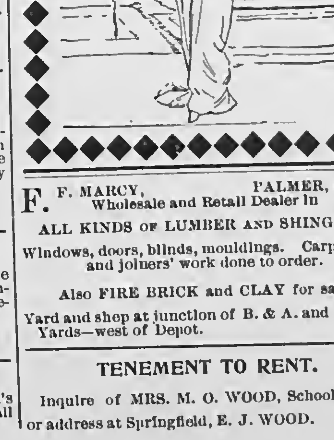

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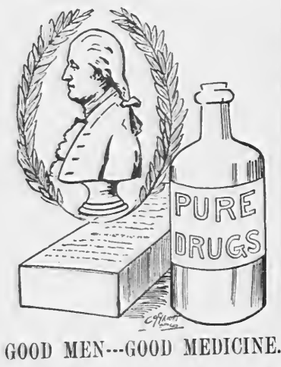

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The tasks are done and the tears are shed;
Yesterday's errors, let yesterday cover,
Yesterday's wounds which smarted and bled
Are healed with the healing which night has shed.

Let them go, since we cannot reveal them,
Cannot undo and cannot atone;
God in his mercy receive, forgive them.
Only the days are our own,
To-day is ours, and to-day alone.

—Susan Coolidge.

CURIOUS COLONIAL CUSTOMS.

The forefathers and founders of New England were noble men. Faults they had, but their virtues far exceeded. The world owes them a great debt and bows in admiration before their sterling worth. They were not, however, wholly superior to the weaknesses of their time. That were too much to look for. And it is no real disrespect if we find amusement in their quaint customs and laugh at some of their peculiar ways. Here are a few specimens.

They had no religious service at funerals. Not till after a hundred years from the landing at Plymouth did it become common to offer a prayer or make an address on such occasions. This omission, like their disregard for Christmas, was due to their extreme horror of the practice pursued or sanctioned by Roman Catholics. They feared that ceremonies over the dead would grow into prayers for their souls and the invocation of saints.

It was perhaps for a similar reason that civil marriages were the rule throughout the earlier generations. Not until 1692 were the clergy first authorized to officiate at weddings. Before that, magistrates tied the knot. And there were cases not a few when couples married themselves; but this was regarded as disorderly and visited with fines. Richard Bellingham, governor of Massachusetts in 1641, was brought before the General Court for marrying himself. But as he presided there and refused to leave the bench during the trial the case was postponed amid much excitement and was not again called up.

Some queer sentences were imposed by the courts of those times. In 1675 Marmaduke Atkinson, having been out of the colony and made no provision for his wife Mary during seven years, the decree was that "while the court sees no cause to grant a divorce, yet they do apprehend her to be no longer bound, but do leave her to her liberty to marry if she please." Joane Andrews, for selling a "furkine of butter" with two stones in it, was made to stand in town-meeting for two hours with her offense written upon a paper in capital letters and "pinned upon her forehead." Mrs. Sarah Morgan, for striking her husband, had to stand with a gag in her mouth half an hour at a town-meeting in Kittery, "with the cause of her sentence writ upon her forehead." Fines were imposed for swearing, for "telling a lie," for playing cards, for absence from worship, and for "speaking contemptuously of the dispensers of God's word." In 1658 Lieut. James Wiatt was "sharply reproved" for writing a business letter on the Sabbath, or "at least in the evening, somewhat too soon." In 1662 George Crispe's wife was arraigned for telling a lie, but secured a discharge on its appearing to be "not a pernicious lie—only unadvisedly."

Duxbury, in 1693, required of every householder, under penalty of one shilling, that between May and July he kill one crow and six blackbirds, or else 12 blackbirds. Bounty was offered by many towns for the killing of crows, blackbirds, bluejays, rats, foxes, wolves and rattlesnakes. The Rehoboth *Record* of 1733 certifies that "John Pierce brought a wildcat's head before the town, and his ears were cut off by the constable in the presence of two selectmen." In 1665 31 wolves' heads were brought in from the colony at large, 20 of them being captured on Cape Cod. They were so numerous and annoying in this latter section that a proposition was seriously laid before the General Court in 1717 to erect a fence six feet high across the entrance to the Cape to keep the wolves out. But, as might be supposed, the people who would be left on the wrong side of this Chinese wall saw no reason for aiding a plan to increase the number of their own pests.

It is considered certain that on the 100th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, very few families in the old colony had a knowledge of tea and coffee, and none were as yet acquainted with the common potato. Beer was the general table beverage. Probably not one of the Pilgrims ever saw a fork used at table. The diner was accustomed to hold his meat with the left fingers, while he cut it into pieces which could be conveyed to the mouth by the knife or the fingers. Napkins were supplied for wiping the hands. The first windows were of paper saturated with linseed oil, and such could be found on Cape Cod in 1718.

When the native converts, called praying Indians, began to found villages, some of them were made magistrates, and discharged their duties well. The following is a warrant to Constable Waterman for the arrest of one Wicket, issued by Justice Hihondi:—

"I Hihondi,
You Peter Waterman,
Jeremy Wieket:
Quick you take him,
Fast you hold him,
Straight you bring him
Before me, Hihondi."

—Zion's Herald.

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He carefully painted upon a table-top in his room a number of gold coins and placing the table in a certain light that gave a startling effect, he packed his few belongings, and summoned his host.

"There," he exclaimed, with a lordly wave of his hand toward the table, "is enough to settle my bill and more. Now kindly show me the way to the door."

The innkeeper, with many smiles and bows, ushered his guest out, and then hastened back to gather up his gold. His rage and consternation when he discovered the fraud knew no bounds, until a wealthy English traveler, recognizing the value of the art put in the work, gladly paid him £50 for the table.—*Harper's Round Table.*

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

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BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	18	8	.692	Providence,	12	16	.429
Syracuse,	17	9	.654	Rochester,	12	17	.414
Scranton,	15	10	.600	Toronto,	11	20	.355
Springfield,	16	12	.571	Wilkesb're,	9	18	.333

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	21	8	.750	Brooklyn,	17	17	.500
Cincinnati,	23	12	.657	Philadelphia,	18	18	.500
Boston,	22	12	.647	Louisville,	16	18	.471
Pittsburg,	19	13	.594	Chicago,	12	22	.353
New York,	17	14	.548	Washington,	9	22	.290
Cleveland,	17	16	.515	St. Louis,	7	29	.194

The Palmer high school ball team and the Three Rivers team played a "kicking match," or a disgusting game of ball, in the latter place Monday afternoon. Kicking was the only feature and was indulged in almost wholly on the part of the Three Rivers team. They kicked before the game commenced, they kicked all through the game, and will no doubt continue to kick when they see the score as printed below. They wanted everything in sight and obtained it. In fact the game was delayed so many times by kicking and runs that came in were disputed with such frequency that after the game no two spectators could be found who could give the score alike. The score given below is that kept by the official scorers, and should be accurate. Aside from the kicking the game was poorly played. The errors were numerous and costly, and were an important factor in running up the large score. Kennedy essayed to do the twirling for Palmer. He did not have his usual speed and retired in favor of Nelson, who was hit hard. Three Rivers used four pitchers, and they were all hit hard and often. Big "Con" Sugrue, the former pride of Three Rivers in her royal battles with Thorndike years ago, was in the game, and his work was very much in evidence. A. Shaw and Murphy played good for Palmer, and a catch by Gingraw in left was quite a feature of the game. The score:

P. H. S.	8	3	0	0	3	2	3	0	1	—29
T. R.	1	0	6	1	5	0	1	5	0	—19

The Ware high school team defeated the Warren high school ball team on the Pumping Station grounds at Ware on Memorial Day. Warren was outclassed by the local team, and was never in the fight from the start. Davis was in good form and held the Warrens down to four scattered hits and struck out 14 men. The Warren pitchers were hit at will, and gave 11 bases on balls. The score:

Inning,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R. H. E.
Ware,	8	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	—18	9 4
Warren,	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—3	4 15

Batteries, Davis and Keefe, Martin and Sullivan, Cronin and Thompson.

Times at bat, Ware 51, Warren 34. Earned runs, Ware 8; two-base hits, Moriarty 2; double play, Bourne; bases on balls, by Martin 6, by Sullivan 5, by Cronin 1; hit by pitched ball, Martin, Locke; struck out, by Davis 14, by Martin 1, by Sullivan 2; left on bases, Warren 4, Ware 8; time, 2:30; umpire, James Marland.

Belchertown defeated Amherst in a game at the former place on Memorial Day, 16 to 8.

The Wilbraham ball team defeated the Worthy paper company baseball team at Wilbraham Saturday, 20 to 6, in a one-sided game.

The married men and the single men of the telephone construction gang at Ludlow played a game of ball Decoration Day which resulted in a victory for the "bendicts," 29 to 26.

The Ludlow ball team went to Somersville, Ct., Saturday and defeated the team in that town 13 to 12 in a hard-fought game. In the ninth inning, with two men out, two men on bases and the score 12 to 11 in favor of the Somersville team, Long hit out a two-bagger, winning the game.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST ENGINEERING WORKS.

How many of the engineering works of the 19th century will there be in existence in the year 6000? Very few, we fear, and still less those that will continue in that far-off age to serve a useful purpose. Yet there is, at least, one great undertaking conceived and executed by an engineer which, during the space of 4000 years has never ceased its office, on which the life of a fertile province absolutely depends to-day. We refer to the Bahr Joussuf—the canal of Joseph—built, according to tradition, by the son of Jacob, and which constitutes not the least of the many blessings he conferred on Egypt during the years of his prosperous rule. This canal took its rise from the Nile at Asiut, and ran almost parallel with it for nearly 250 miles, creeping along under the western cliffs of the Nile valley, with many a bend and winding, until at length it gained an eminence, as compared with the river-bed, which enabled it to turn westward through a narrow pass and enter a district which was otherwise shut off from the fertilizing floods on which all vegetation in Egypt depends. The northern end stood 17 feet above low Nile, while at the southern end it was at an equal elevation with the river. Through this cut ran a perennial stream, which watered a province named the Fayoum, endowing it with fertility and supporting a large population. In the time of the annual flood a great part of the canal was under water, and then the river's current would rush in a more direct course into the pass, carrying with it the rich silt which takes the place of manure and keeps the soil in a constant state of productiveness. All this, with the exception of the tradition that Joseph built it, can be verified to-day, and it is not mere superstition or rumor. Until eight years ago it was firmly believed that the design had always been limited to an irrigation scheme, larger, no doubt, than that now in operation, as shown by the traces of abandoned canals, and by the slow aggregation of waste water which had accumulated in the Birket el Querum, but still essentially the same in character. Many accounts have been written by Greek and Roman historians, such as Herodotus, Strabo, Mutianus and Pliny, and repeated in monkish legends, or portrayed in the maps of the middle ages, which agreed with the folk lore of the district. These tales explained that the canal dug by the ancient Israelite served to carry the surplus waters of the Nile into an extensive lake lying south of the Fayoum, and so large that it not only modified the climate, tempering the arid winds of the desert and converting them into the balmy airs which nourished the vines and the olives into a fulness and fragrance unknown in any part of the country, but also added to the food supply of the land such immense quantities of fish that the royal prerogative of the right of piscary at the great weir was valued at 4250,000 annually. This lake was said to be 450 miles round, and to be navigated by a fleet of vessels, and the whole circumference was the scene of industry and prosperity.—*Engineering.*

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A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind, "*Sun*," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stelle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down could not eat nor digest food, had a back ache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Get a bottle of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware.

THE NO BREAKFAST CRAZE

The no breakfast craze is spreading. An article in a late number of the Chautauquan seems to have given impetus, for while the plan of doing without breakfast altogether is not particularly favored, the idea that the morning is the time for abstinence is advanced with emphasis.

About two words on this:

The healthy man or woman has a good appetite for breakfast. One of the indications that you are really out of sorts and do not imagine it, is the fact that you turn away from the table without eating, or at most force yourself to take a mouthful or two in the morning.

One of the signs that you are well, and are not deceiving yourself about it, is the fact that you go to the table eagerly in the morning and enjoy your breakfast, not necessarily a "hearty" breakfast, but one that you keenly relish.

Have you been a semi-invalid for years from any cause in which stomach disorders figure?

The days when you feel best are the days when you go to the breakfast table hungry; not become hungry after sitting down, but go there hungry. A sign that you are recovering your health is that this appetite in the morning become fixed and regular.

Now this will be warmly disputed by many, and we do not state it as a universal rule; there are exceptions, but it will hold good in the majority of instances.

No person can be ill or out of sorts who has a natural appetite for breakfast.

Perhaps the same can be said of any other meal, but it is particularly true of breakfast, when nothing has been taken inwardly or outwardly to stimulate the appetite, and when the stomach craves nothing but what nature intended it to have.—*What to Eat.*

A PEEP INTO A HUMMING-BIRD'S NEST.

Suddenly a glint shot from the point where my gaze was dreamily focused. That was all; but suspicion and savage instincts were aroused. For ten minutes my eyes followed the contour of each of the small boughs twenty feet above me, mere twigs from a higher and greater branch, which in turn declined from a mighty outstretched arm of the giant. Presently suspicion centered in an insignificant, lichen-covered wart on the upper side of a branch as large, perhaps, as a lady's wrist. It was like a dozen others, yet not exactly like them. The lichen seemed to me just a shade grayer and more regular, and the knot was a trifle too round. I feared to take my eyes away, lest it were lost before I had proved it to be only a natural excrescence. The sudden glint again struck my eye, there was a strange, tuneful hum, and—Eureka! Directly above the point I was watching there hovered, with wings vibrating themselves into a misty point, an exquisite ruby throat. Then it settled on the diminutive cup of lichen, and I had found my first humming-bird's nest. By climbing far up above, and then crawling carefully down on a separate limb, one could look over into the nest, scarcely a yard away, to admire the two tiny white eggs, and the even more fairy-like nest, marvelously woven inside with the finest and softest fibre, and coated on the outer periphery against the weather with delicate lichen, which just turned the rim so as to shed any insistent raindrop that might penetrate the manifold roof of leaves overhead. The whole would have fitted in a circle made by joining the index-finger and thumb. —*From "The Oakwellers," by C. D. Lanier, in the April Scribner's*

SOME HARD FACTS FROM THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

Sixty years ago women could not vote anywhere. In 1845 Kentucky gave school suffrage to widows. In 1861 Kansas gave it to all women. In 1869 England gave municipal suffrage to single women and widows, and Wyoming gave full suffrage to all women. School suffrage was granted in 1875 by Michigan and Minnesota, in 1876 by Colorado, in 1878 by New Hampshire and Oregon, in 1879 by Massachusetts, in 1880 by New York and Vermont. In 1881 municipal suffrage was extended to the single women and widows of Scotland. Nebraska gave school suffrage in 1883, and Wisconsin in 1885. In 1886 school suffrage was given in Washington and municipal suffrage to single women and widows in New Brunswick and Ontario. In 1887 municipal suffrage was extended to all women in Kansas, and school suffrage in North and South Dakota, Montana, Arizona and New Jersey. In 1891 school suffrage was granted in Illinois. In 1892 municipal suffrage was extended to single women and widows in the province of Quebec. In 1893 school suffrage was granted in Connecticut, and full suffrage in Colorado and New Zealand. In 1894 school suffrage was granted in Ohio, a limited municipal suffrage in Iowa, and parish and district suffrage in England to women, both married and single. In 1895 full suffrage was granted in South Australia to women, both married and single. In 1896 full suffrage was granted to women in Utah and Idaho.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY PUZZLED.

The proceedings of the Royal society of London were not taken as seriously 150 years ago as they are now. A sailor who had broken his leg was advised to send to the Royal society an account of the remarkable manner in which he had healed the fracture. He did so. His story was that, having fractured his leg by falling from the top of a mast, he had dressed it with nothing but tar and oakum, which has proved so wonderfully efficacious that in three days he was able to walk just as well as before the accident. This remarkable story naturally caused some excitement among the members of the society. No one had previously suspected tar and oakum of possessing such miraculous healing powers. The society wrote for further particulars, and doubted, indeed, whether the leg had been really fractured. The truth of this part of the story, however, was proved beyond the shadow of a doubt. Several letters passed between the Royal society and the humble sailor, who continued to assert most solemnly that his broken leg had been treated with tar and oakum, and with these two applications only. The society might have remained puzzled for an indefinite period had not the honest sailor remarked in a postscript to his last letter:—

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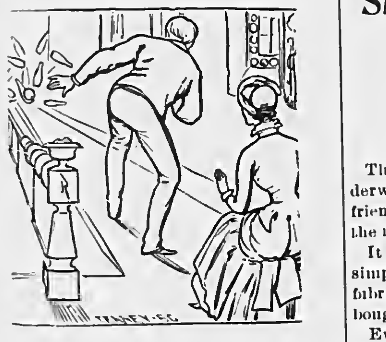

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Women's Hosiery.
A lot of importers' samples are here today of silk-plated and all-silk Hose.
Mostly plain colors, and black boots with colored tops.
Fortunately we have sizes slightly assorted, which is out of the rule of samples. There is a fair assortment of 8½, 9 and 9½.
They'd sell ordinarily for 75c to $1.50 a pair. To-day they are 37½c, 50c, 75c a pair. Main store, left.

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We will place on sale to-day several hundred pairs Fish Net Ruffled Curtains at prices fully 25 per cent below value because they came here that way.
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The Second Table.

Some boys are mad when comp'ny comes to stay
  for meals. They hate
To have the other people eat while boys must
  wait and wait,
But I've about made up my mind I'm different
  from the rest.

To eat along with comp'ny is so trying for it's
  tough
To sit and watch the victuals when you dassent
  touch the stuff;
You see your father serving out the dark meat
  and the light
Until a boy is sure he'll starve before he gets a
  bite.

And when he asks you what you'll have—you've
  heard it all before—
You know you'll get just what you get and won't
  get nothing more;
For when you want another piece your mother
  winks her eye,
And so you say, "I've plenty, please!" and tell
  a whopping lie.

When comp'ny is a watchin' you, you've got to
  be polite
And eat your victuals with a fork and take a little
  bite.
You can't have nothing till you're asked, and
  'cause a boy is small
Folks think he isn't hungry, and he's never asked
  at all.

Since I can first remember I've been told that
  when the cake
Is passed around the proper thing is for a boy to
  take
The piece that's nearest to him, and so all I ever
  got
When comp'ny's been to our house was the smallest
  in the lot.

It worries boys like everything to have the
  comp'ny stay
A-setting round the table like they couldn't get
  away.
But when they've gone and left the whole big
  shooting match to me,
Say, ain't it fun to just wade in and help myself?
  Oh, gee!

With no one round to notice what you're doing—
  bet your life!—
Boys don't use forks to eat with when they'd
  rather use a knife,
Or take such little bites as when they're eating
  with the rest,
And so, for lots of things, I like the second table
  best.

—*Nix Waterman, in L. A. W. Bulletin.*

TWO KINDS OF PHILANTHROPY.

To say the Widow Bland was poor, very poor, is to state the truth in a mild form. Indeed, to put it more strongly and yet no less truthfully, she was actually poverty-stricken that winter, for the weather was unusually severe, and, do what she might, she could not keep enough coal in the bin nor enough food in the larder. Her four children had ravenous appetites, and required clothing and shoes, and the rent of her small house had to be paid every month to an exacting landlord, and work seemed to be scarcer than she had ever known it, and altogether she had almost more than she could do to keep the prowling wolf of want from the door.

Willing to work? Yes, more than willing. If she could only have got work to do, she would have been glad to toil half the night to keep hunger and cold at bay. There are plenty of people who are needy because they are shiftless and lazy, but the Widow Bland did not belong to that class. Her husband had died three years before, and had left her penniless, and how could a poor, lone woman provide for so many hungry mouths?

The winter seemed to grow colder and colder. The storm king howled and raged, piling his fortresses of snow against the houses and fences, and pounding the mercury far below zero in the shivering thermometers.

"Oh, how merciless the weather is!" Widow Bland sighed, as she heaped a few coals on the grate from her slender supply. "As merciless as the rich and comfortable people are forgetful."

There was just a note of bitterness in her tones as she spoke the last few words.

"I wonder if none of those people of the church ever think of the 'poor and needy' outside of their prayers?" she added rebelliously.

Yes, she was a member of the church, and her children had gone to the Sunday school until she found it impossible to clothe them properly.

On one of the bitterest mornings, when her last scuttle of coal was being used, she glanced out of the window and saw some one trudging up the street through the snow.

"It's Mr. Simmons," she whispered to the children. "He's one of the class-leaders in our church. Why, he's coming in! Now, children, be as quiet and well-behaved as you can."

"I'm too cold an' hungry to keep quiet," whimpered one of the urchins.

"Hush-sh!" she warned, as she went to the door to answer her visitor's knock.

"Go-o-od morning, Sister Bland," said Mr. Simmons in his soft, oily tones. "How do you do?" shaking her hand. "And how do you do, children, sissy, bub—bub, sissy?" giving each of them his white, unsoiled hand. "I haven't seen you at church, sister, for some weeks, and I came to see if you were growing cold and indifferent in the Lord's service. We must be careful, my dear sister, not to neglect the means of grace, the services of God's house, or we shall get into a backslidden state. I hope and pray that you haven't lost your interest in the salvation of your precious soul and the souls of these precious, eternally precious children."

"I hope I haven't."

"No, I hope not. They are too precious to be lost, as they surely will be if you allow yourself to slide back into the false and beggarly elements of this sinful world. This world's goods can never satisfy the cravings of our immortal souls."

The widow was rebellious enough to wish that she had a little more of this world's goods to feed her hungry children and keep them warm, but she tried to scourge the wicked thought from her heart. However she ventured to suggest:—

"But everyone must have bread"—

"Ah! my sister, the Scripture says, 'Man shall not live by bread alone,'" the class-leader interrupted, quickly. "And the apostle's teaching is, 'The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy is in the Holy Ghost.'"

He quoted the passages unctuously. In his spiritual ecstasy he never once thought of the hungry stomachs of the widow's children. Presently he added:—

"Shall we not see your precious, immortal little brood in the house of God next Sabbath as of yore?"

"Brother Simmons, we have no clothes," she answered; "none that can be worn this bitter weather."

"Ah! ah!" Mr. Simmons laughed. "The Lord will supply all your wants."

The widow almost grew desperate.

"Does He care that my children have no bread?" she burst out, with moist eyes.

"Ah, my sister, it is sinful, not to say sacrilegious, to harbor unbelieving thoughts about God. You know the Bible says that He careth for the widow and the fatherless. Let us have a word of prayer before I take my leave."

He knelt by one of the chairs, and the widow in sheer desperation, dropped on her knees. Then the pious religionist, who was so spiritual that he lost sight of the material, poured out his voice in prayer, his stock of phrases flowing like oil from his eloquent lips. He told God all about His love and compassion for the widow and the fatherless, and asked him to bless "the poor and the needy." He even besought God to raise up friends to relieve those in distress and want, and especially to give them contentment with their lot, and declared unctuously that the trials of this life, "which are but for a moment, work a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." If we must live in hovels here, we shall have mansions in the skies. The opulence of the golden city will amply compensate for all the deprivations here below in this vale of tears.

And when he rose there actually were tears in his soft eyes, and he wiped them away with a soft, immaculate silk handkerchief. Then he said good-by and "Gawd bless you, sister!" and "Gawd bless you, sissy and bub, and bub and sissy!" shaking hands around the circle. He stepped out of the door of the humble dwelling, leaving no light behind—this phraser of pious cant, who could not see the connection between the spiritual and the practical, who failed to grasp the logical relation between prayers and potatoes. Home he trudged, the crisp snow creaking beneath his soles, and plunged into his fine mansion, with its elegant, upholstered furniture, its Brussels carpet, its expensive pictures; and seating himself in his plush chair in a warm luxurious room, he spent the remaining hours of the forenoon in reading a devotional book on the certitude of prayer.

Glibly as he had quoted Scripture, he never seemed for a moment to recall the searching verses of the practical James: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

Meanwhile the wants of the widow's family were not relieved by the pious exhortations or unctuous petitions of the vaguely religious class-leader.

"Mamma, d'you think that man's God'll bring us any coal an' bread an' potatoes?" asked the oldest boy.

"I don't know, my child," replied the widow, brokenly.

"Say, mamma, why didn't *he* bring us something 'stead of sendin' God word to?" the boy asked.

"Don't ask me such a question, Robbie," the mother commanded.

"I know, mamma. It's because it's easier for him to pray than to give."

The prospects in the widow's home were gloomy indeed as she threw the last chunk of coal on the grate. What should she do? No bread and no coal, and the mercury twenty degrees below zero?

But at that moment, when the clouds seemed to hang darkest over the lowly dwelling, there was a vigorous stamping on the little porch, and then a quick, business-like knock at the door. When the visitor entered Mrs. Bland exclaimed:—

"Why, Brother Grinard, is it you?"

"Sartin, Sister Bland. It's been me for forty-five years, more or less, an' I've never taken myself for anybody else yet. And how do you get along, Mrs. Bland? And the children—how are they?"

"We're—we're well enough."

"Well, Sister Bland, I thought o' you this mornin', seein' how bitin' cold it's got, an' at my mornin' prayers you an' your little chicks here came into my mind. I ain't much on prayer—not at all elokent. Now there's Brother Simmons—I've often wished to goodness I could pray like him, so proper an' elokent-like, and never wantin' fer a word, an' al'ays findin' jest the purtiest one; while I jest goes stumblin' along kinder like a horse with blind-staggers, mixin' up my grammar till I wonder ef the good Lord can git all the snarls out.

"But," he went on, "this mornin' I prayed the Lord to bless Widow Bland an' her little flock o' children, and to raise 'em up friends, and to send me to help 'em in their distress. Well, sister, He jest up an' answered the prayer right prompt an' square, an' sent me here with some o' the needfuls o' life. It looks to me just like this, Sister Bland: prayers and potatoes is first cousins; maybe they're nigher kin yet than that.

"My! it's right smart chilly in here, and them boys an' girls look blue as Johnny-jumps-ups with the cold. Well, I piled a quarter-ton o' coal in my sled box. Now, Sister Bland, you jest keep quiet till I bring my prayers—or, leastways, the fruits of 'em—in from my sled."

And this practical Christian philanthropist carried into the house a supply of potatoes, flour, butter, eggs, meat and coal, that made the widow and her children open their swimming eyes wide with amazement. His "prayers" made a great heap on the kitchen table and in the coal-bin.

The widow thanked him with tears streaming down her cheeks, and the children danced around in glee, and clung to his hands and coat in grateful affection, until the brusque, undemonstrative altruist got red in the face, and did not know what to make of all this lavish bestowment of gratitude.

"Why, looky here," he shouted, brushing a tear from his rough cheek, "you're makin' a to-do over the wrong person. Thank the Lord, folks He sent me here. I didn't come o' my own accord. Didn't I tell ye I axed Him to?"

"I know you were willing to be sent," replied the widow, with sparkling eyes.

"Well, jest as ye have it, Sister Bland. Prayers for the poor that we're not willin' to help answer ourselves, doesn't come from anyways near the heart. Purty hard to tell where sich prayers do come from, eh? Don't seem to come from nowhere, an' go to the same place. But good-day. I must be off. Always plenty o' work for a sinner like me to do."

"Say, mamma," said Robbie, when the practical philanthropist was gone, "that's a gooder man than that other one who was here this morning an' who wanted God to do everythin'."

"He's a saint," she whispered.—*Rev. Leander S. Keyser, in Zion's Herald.*

Dayton, Ohio.

HOW TO REVIVE BLACK LACE.—Black lace which looks shabby can be revived by being washed in strong tea, which should be tepid; squeeze the lace well in the tea, then rinse it with fresh tea, and let it remain for an hour; then remove and carefully squeeze the lace; spread it evenly on a cloth and beat it between the hands to abstract the moisture. Spread the lace out, right side downward, on a sheet of common foolscap paper, placed on the ironing sheet, carefully pull out the points of the lace with a pin, then cover with more paper, and iron until perfectly smooth and dry. If it is necessary that the lace should be slightly stiffened, add a little gum arabic, which has been previously dissolved, to the tea.—*Chicago Tribune.*

"Between you and me," said the cynical young man, "since these little athletic events in Greece, with the showing the natives didn't make, I am beginning to have a suspicion that Homer was a good deal of a press agent."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Her Conceit.

She was so gentle and so fair,
  He paused, her every word to hear,
And when soft music touched the air
  She said, in accents sweet and clear,
    "Isn't it lovely!"

The mimic scene—how it entranced!
  'Twas fancy's realm brought down to earth.
She sighed when Columbine had danced
  And Harlequin began his mirth,
    "Isn't it lovely!"

Again, across the mountain's crest
  The twilight kissed the evening star,
The crow swung, mocking, toward his nest.
  She murmured, as she gazed afar,
    "Isn't it lovely!"

Then sought we for more mundane joys,
  Beneath the circus canvas wide
Her voice arose o'er all the noise
  When the rhinoceros she spied—
    "Isn't it lovely!"

—*Washington Star.*

POISON IVY AND DOGWOOD.

We have only two native plants in the United States which are poisonous to the touch, and but one of these is likely to be met with. That one, however, is so omnipresent that the terror of its name covers half the lovely wild things that ought to be our summer delight. It is known as poison ivy, and it grows everywhere, East and South, as well as upon the Pacific slope, where it differs a little from the eastern species. Its habitat is almost unlimited; but it prefers sunny sandy tracts, on mountain, pasture or coast. It spreads by the roadside; perches on fence posts, where it has long reigned, just beyond the reach of the plow; climbs trees, and, waving from their boughs, threatens the passing carriage; slides into the orchard among the daises; wraps itself about the rocks. Mercury vine is one of its old names, and well suited to its slippery and insidious habits. When the picnicker in romantic groves stretches his tired limbs, he finds he is lying upon a bed of ivy; he pulls himself up a hill by a tough shrub which he finds, to his horror, is poison ivy. If he kindles his fire the brush may be full of it, and it is particularly poisonous when burning. In order to avoid such a pest every child ought to be taught to recognize it.

Rhus toxicondendron, Greek and Celtic for red-poison-bush, is its name in botany and in medicine. It is an active, acrid poison, leaving upon the skin a crowd of minute watery blisters, which may pass through several stages of malignancy. Some persons are never poisoned by it; others are sometimes poisoned, and yet others cannot pass it in certain stages of its growth without being affected. Often it results in a long and painful illness; in rare cases it is fatal. One circumstance that increases liability to danger is from the variability of its aspect; another is resemblance to the innocent Virginia creeper. Both are freely mingled on our roadsides. Popularly they are both vines, but that term belongs only to the creeper; that is strictly a vine, with all the grace and suppleness of the wild grape, to which it is nearly related. It has the same long, finger-like tendrils waving seductively about to find some chance support, and rosets of palm-shaped leaves, as if a grape leaf had been cut into five portions set with fine saw-teeth along the edges. On the contrary, rhus has three leaflets, the end one the largest and remote from the others, all irregularly and coarsely toothed. No two of the leaves are just alike. It has no tendrils, but climbs, like English ivy, by little bristling rootlets which sprout all along the main stem, and eventually cover it like moss. These rootlets penetrate posts or bark of trees, and cling there so tightly that the plant cannot be torn off without difficulty.

The companionship of these two most common climbers is quite remarkable, and, roughly speaking, their resemblance also, when the radical difference of their natures is considered Another confusing circumstance is the use of the same common name—ivy. This seems a kind of synonym for any species of climbing plant. We hear of Kanilworth ivy and German ivy, English ivy and poison ivy, all totally different plants. Nothing seems more hopeless than to get a reasonable nomenclature for plants. In California where rhus is dangerously abundant, it is known as poison oak, growing in clearings like a stout shrub, with foliage much like the young white oak it so freely mingles with. Only a most practical eye can distinguish them. From a beautiful irregularity of its leaves it has gained the specific name of diversiloba. It palms itself off as it were, for something better than itself, and creeps around under many disguises. A lady artistically fond of wild plants, and one who had lived many years in its neighborhood in the mountain valleys, did not recognize the poison oak as it grew in a canyon behind her new home near the coast. She diligently gathered great basketfuls, and had wreathed her pictures with it. But it was soon pounced upon by a horrified visitor, detected under its guise of beauty, and quickly hustled beyond the premises.

It seems strange that such a pest should still remain so common in the older parts of our country. In California, you expect to warn your friends not to brush against it as they walk through the streets of paved towns; but in Boston, on the road to Newton, you would scarcely expect to find it rampant in an old apple orchard, and reaching over the stone wall into the very hands of children. This has been the case for years, and may be so still.

The other of our two poisonous North American plants is the swamp sumach, known also as swamp dogwood, casting its bane by this name over the dogwoods, which are harmless. It is a small tree, with some of the appearance of sumach, but it grows only in low, flat, marshy soils, where few persons find it. This, too, is a rhus, rhus venenata. It has a poisonous brightness in autumn, and sometimes gets culled for its beauty, but seldom does it get picked without serious consequences.—*New York Evening Post.*

BIRTHMONTH STONES.

The very latest craze in many of the fashionable capitals is the wearing of birthmonth stones, and, strange to say, it emanated in remote Poland. Women there, according to an old legend, are saved all manner of ills by wearing the guardian charm of the month in which they were born; and men, too, if given such gems by a woman, are also saved and benefitted. Here is a true list. There are varieties, but the one given is direct from Poland:

January—Garnet, constancy.
February—Amethyst, sincerity.
March—Bloodstone, courage, wisdom.
April—Sapphire or diamond, free from enchantment, innocence.
May—Emerald, success in love, discovers false friends.
June—Agate, health and prosperity.
July—Ruby, corrects evils of mistaken friendship, discovers poison.
August—Sardonyx, means conjugal felicity.
September—Chrysolite, antidote to madness, frees from sadness and evil passions.
October—Opal, hope.
November—Topaz, fidelity, prevents bad dreams.
December—Turquoise, prosperity.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1897.

Bicycle Road Race To-morrow.

To-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock the bicycle road race will be run. The committee in charge of the arrangements has worked hard, and the only thing remaining to assure success is the good humor of the weather clerk. Seventeen entries have been received, among which are several well-known fast riders and others who are dark horses and will make a hard fight for first honors. W. J. Knowlton, the well-known local flyer, will be the scratch man. The course is as follows: Start to be made on Main street at a point near the corner of Walnut and Main, up North Main street to Four Corners, thence to Three Rivers to the Palmer road, back to Palmer, down North Main to Thorndike street, up Thorndike to Park street, down Park to Central, down Central to Main and over the course to Three Rivers again, with finish on North Main street near the residence of E. G. Hastings. All riders riding on the sidewalk over any part of the course will be disqualified, as it is to be strictly a "road" race. The following are the entries: James D. McGrath of Palmer, Elwin F. Hayes of Bondsville, W. F. Gaffeny of Palmer, W. H. Doyle of Palmer, A. J. Adams of Palmer, Percy Butterfield of Bondsville, Thomas F. Russell of Bondsville, Walter Ritchie of Three Rivers, Joseph H. Palmer of Palmer, Henry C. Reed of Forest Lake district, Frank Cook of Palmer, J. Arthur Wells of Palmer, James Moriarty of Bondsville, Charles Colrau of Three Rivers, W. J. Knowlton of Palmer, William Franklin of Three Rivers, M. J. Hopkins of Palmer. The following are the officers: Judges, E. R. Pierce, E. W. Carpenter and W. H. Osgood; timers, A. B. C. Deming, S. B. Keith and G. C. Stanchfield; handicappers, W. F. Waite, G. B. Hayes and F. J. Roche; starter, E. D. Tufts; clerk of course, F. J. Roche; scorers, L. E. Chandler, H. W. McGregory, H. W. Holbrook. The following prizes are offered: 1st Keating, bicycle, bought with money raised by subscription; 2d, suit of clothes, given by D. L. Bodfish; 3d, $10 in trade at E. D. Tufts; 4th, Morgan & Wright tires; 5th, $5 in trade at E. A. Buck & Co's.; 6th, photograph album, given by H. S. Colburn; 7th, 1 dozen photographs at Woodhead's; 8th, ink stand, given by E. S. Brooks; 9th, bicycle shoes, given by Ed. Goodes; 10th, gents' dressing case, given by LeGro & Lynde; 11th, cup and saucer, given by E. B. Taylor; 12th, time prize. The prizes can be seen in the show window of E. D. Tuft's bicycle store.

A Fourth of July Celebration?

Time flies, and again the Fourth of July approximates, when everyone, especially the small boy with his noisy pistol, caps and crackers, rejoices in celebrating the anniversary of that day on which this great and glorious country sprang into existence and took its place among the nations of the earth. On that day nearly every town from the Golden Gates of San Francisco to the rocky coasts of Maine will, in some fitting way, honor the nation's birth. Palmer once belonged to that class, but of late years has done little, if anything, in the way of a general celebration. With the exception of the stores closing at noon, more or less "racket" and a bonfire on the street the night before—the out-breaking of the pent-up enthusiasm of Young America—and the occasional bursting of a cannon cracker here and there throughout the day, the village wears its everyday aspect. But this year arrangements are being made for something out of the ordinary in the way of celebration. A street parade is being talked up, and meets with the commendation of all who have been interviewed. It is proposed to have the parade divided into several sections, including one in which the various trades of the village will be exhibited, another for the display of decorated driving carriages, and also a section for the numerous bicycle riders in the town. A company of mounted horribles to act as an escort is also another feature proposed. The participants in the parade will be expected to decorate their carriages, bicycle or themselves to suit their own pleasure, and if all will take hold and push the thing a successful parade and a good time in general is assured. Arrangements for an attraction at the driving park in the afternoon are also being made, as is also an effort to have the merchants close the stores for all day. W. F. Waite has the matter in charge, and anyone interested or with suggestions to offer will be gladly interviewed by him.

The End of His Spree.

That courteous Kentucky gentleman, Mr. J. M. Wilson, Jr., who has been stranded here for several weeks and during that time has gained much notoriety by remaining in a perpetual state of moderate intoxication, came to the end of his rope Saturday morning in the district court, when he was given 30 days in the house of correction at Springfield in which to sober off from his long-continued spree. Wilson, it will be remembered, is the mail contractor's agent who came to Palmer to sub-let the contract of carrying the mail to Fiskdale. A day or two after his arrival his money gave out, and though he telegraphed for more it did not come and he was forced to remain in town. All the time he drank sufficiently to keep on a pretty good "edge." A week ago Wednesday he was arrested and taken before the court, and his case was continued to give him time to obtain money to pay his fine. Although compelled to appear in court nearly every day he still drank. Last Friday night he kicked over the traces when he appeared upon the streets drunker than usual, and was arrested for the second time by Officer Eastman. Saturday morning he pleaded guilty and was given 30 days. Wilson is a finely educated man and claims to be the editor of the "Log Cabin" of Cynthiana, Ky. He has made a number of efforts to refrain from drinking, but each time has fallen and says that his being sent up will no doubt in the end prove the best thing that could have happened.

An Unusually Heavy Rainfall.

It rained Wednesday. As for that matter it has rained most all the month so far, but on Wednesday it rained all day, and not only rained, but poured so that now, in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, Wednesday will "reign" supreme as the rainest June day on record. The storm set in about 10 o'clock Tuesday evening and kept at it for 24 hours steadily. According to the figures at the Springfield armory from 10.45 Tuesday evening, until 9 o'clock Wednesday evening 3.11 inches of rain fell, which is a remarkable rainfall. There is no record to show a rainfall of equal size in the spring or summer months; the only storms which approach it are those in the autumnal months, and then it is necessary to go back to October 4, 1869, to find a rainfall so heavy as Wednesday's. More rain fell Wednesday than during the whole month of April of the past year, and more than the whole months of June for the past three years.

School Superintendents Meet.

A Round Table Conference of the school superintendents in this vicinity was held in the superintendent's room in the high school building last Saturday, there being present besides Superintendent Small of Palmer, Miss C. A. Wood of Monson, Edward Dixon of West Brookfield, Albert Robinson of Warren, Fairfield Whitney of Agawam, U. G. Wheeler of West Springfield, and C. A. Brodeur of Chicopee. The subjects discussed were "Modern Geography teaching," and "Busy work." These conferences were instituted by Messrs. Small of Palmer and Brodeur of Chicopee for the purpose of a closer relationship regarding school work, and the one held last Saturday was the second in the series.

Programme for Children's Sunday.

Children's Day will be observed at the Baptist and Congregational churches next Sunday with Sunday school concerts in the evening at 7 o'clock, to which exercises all are cordially invited. The Sunday school concert at the Universalist church will be held one week from Sunday. The following programmes will be rendered:

BAPTIST.

Organ Voluntary.
Singing. "In the King's Highway."
Scripture Lesson.
Invocation.
Singing. "The Children's Jubilee."
Address of Welcome. Jamie Miller.
Duet. "Woodland Echoes,"
Misses Lillian Peck and Florence Stevenson.
Selected. Grace Thompson.
Dialogue. "Doing Our Best,"
Master Roy Crofton and Miss Ethel Shea.
Song. "Buds and Blossoms,"
Intermediate Class.
Recitation. "Hear What the Flowers Say,"
By five young ladies.
Selection. "Summer Months,"
By three young girls.
Recitation. Lilian Peck.
Song. "Branches of the Vine." Infant class.
Recitation. "Service," Ruth Fiske.
Song. "Always True," By the School.
Recitation. Rosa Lee.
Recitation. Ernest Sherman.
Song. "Put on the Whole Armor,"
By the School.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Voluntary.
Singing. "Hail Our Children's Day."
Recitation. "The Sabbath."
Repeat Psalm 23.
Prayer.
Song. "Merrily Singing."
Recitation. "Children's Day."
Recitation. "Welcome to Children's Day."
Exercise. Primary Department.
Recitation. "Bring Flowers."
A Flower Service.
Bring the Children.
God Wants the Boys and Girls.
Singing. "As You Go."
God Cares for the Flowers.
God Cares for His Children.
Singing. "The Sunshine of a Smile."
Among the Flowers.
Recitation. "Flowers Everywhere."
Recitation. "The Rose's Missun."
Singing. "Soldiers of Jesus."
Recitation. "The God of Promise."
Singing.
Recitation. "The Little Preacher."
Benediction.

Brimfield Liquor Seller Caught.

Deputy Sheriff H. A Northrop raided the house occupied by Reed Cleveland in Brimfield last Friday evening and seized a quantity of cider and wine. Mr. Cleveland was arrested and brought to the lockup. Saturday afternoon he was arraigned in court on three charges, drunkenness, maintaining a liquor nuisance, and illegal liquor selling, to which he pleaded not guilty. A number of witnesses were examined, who testified to having seen sales of cider made by Mr. Cleveland to parties who drank the cider on the premises, and one witness testified to having bought cider himself. The court found that evidence was not strong enough to hold Mr. Cleveland on the charge of drunkenness, but convicted him on the other two charges and imposed a fine of $100 for each offense. T. W. Kenefick appeared for the defendant and E. E. Hobson for the commonwealth. Mr. Cleveland was unable to secure the amount of his fines and spent Sunday in the "cooler." Monday morning he was taken before the court. The case for selling was placed on file and the fine in the liquor nuisance case reduced to $75. Cleveland paid $50, and gave bonds for the payment of the remainder.

C. D. Fuller Declines to Serve on the School Committee.

C. Duane Fuller has notified the school committee that owing to the time demanded by his business interests he cannot serve as a member of the committee, to which position he was elected at the annual March meeting. Mr. Fuller verbally informed Town Clerk Shaw the Saturday before the election that he should not accept if elected, and on the day of the town meeting informed W. A. Breckenridge, chairman of the school committee, of the same determination. Neither of these could be considered official, however, and as Mr. Fuller had attended none of the meetings of the board it was voted at the May meeting to ask him if he intended to serve, to which he replied in the negative, tendering a written resignation. A meeting of the school committee and selectmen has been called for June 19th, to fill the vacancy, and it is quite likely that a Bondsville man will be chosen, as that section of the town is at present unrepresented.

Silver Street Mill Burned.

The Silver Street woolen mill, located southwest of this village in the town of Monson, was totally destroyed by fire last Friday forenoon. The fire started in the attic, catching from a spark which flew from the picking machine. Only one employe was in the mill at the time, and as there is no fire fighting apparatus in the vicinity it was impossible to prevent a total loss. The mill has been idle for some time, but was recently purchased by A. D. Brown of Springfield. He was getting the mill in readiness to start its full capacity in the manufacture of silk and mohair braid. Several thousand dollars worth of new machinery was placed in the mill the day before the fire. The mill was built in 1850 and was formerly owned by William Clinton. The loss is estimated at about $3000, with insurance for that amount in the S. C. Warriner agency of Springfield. Henry F. Butterfield of Springfield had some stock and machinery in the attic, where the fire started, which was destroyed.

Firemen Will Play Ball.

The firemen held their monthly meeting at the engine house Monday evening, at which it was voted to play a game of ball with the Monson fire laddies, and afterward to try conclusions with them for superiority in eating a supper, which will be served. The date is not yet fixed, but will probably be before the first of next month. T. J. Conroy, Frank Aldrich and M. J. Dawson were appointed a committee of arrangements. Last year a game of ball was played between the departments at Monson which, after a fierce struggle against the stubborn blaze of resistance on the part of the Palmer boys, was won by Monson. An effort will be made to even up their baseball standing.

Freight Wreck on the B. and A.

A small freight wreck occurred on the Boston and Albany railroad Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. A west-bound freight had side-tracked to allow a paper train to pass, after the departure of which it started to pull out on the main track. A wheel on one of the cars had become loose and when the junction of the New London Northern railroad was reached, the loosened wheel started towards Brattleboro. This turned the truck and threw the car around, mixing up two or three cars, damaging them quite badly. A wrecker was sent out from Springfield, after the arrival of which the tracks were soon cleared and the delayed freight proceeded on its way. No one was injured.

Monday was civil entry day at the superior court in Springfield, and the following cases of local interest were filed:—Actions of contract, Charles N. Whitaker, appellant, against Albert F. Ballard, both of Hampden, for $48 on an account; L. W. Frost of Westfield against the town of Holland, for $38 for services rendered; J. H. Bosworth of Chicopee against George H. Gates of Ludlow, for $51 on an account. These entries were filed Tuesday: Actions of contract: S. S. Taft of Springfield against Richard Coyer of Palmer, for $39 on an account; Jenkins Brothers of Boston against Oliver LaSalle of Palmer, for $28 on an account: E. C. Southworth of Springfield against George M. Atkins of Palmer, for $2000 alleged to have been paid by plaintiff by order of defendant.

A meeting of the alumni of the Palmer high school is called for 8 o'clock on the evening of the 23d, in the high school building, for the purpose of forming an alumni association. This is the evening of class day, when a large number of graduates will no doubt be in town, and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

PALMER NEWS.

J. F. Duffy of Holyoke was home over Sunday.

L. E. Moore of Newtonville was in town Tuesday.

Fred Viggers of Springfield will preach in the Advent chapel next Sunday.

Friends of Rev. F. E. Jenkins have recently presented him with a typewriter.

Expressman John Coles has been granted a truckman's licence by the selectmen.

Miss Grace Wood of Brimfield spent the fore part of the week with Mrs. S. Leach.

The state boiler inspector was in town Tuesday, inspecting the various boilers in use.

Ned Hillman of Holyoke was a guest at the home of C. N. Coleman the first of the week.

Mrs. S. D. Thrope of Northampton has been the guest of Mrs. E. N. Fay the past week.

"General," J. H. Woolrich's driving horse, has been purchased by New Haven, Ct., parties.

D. L. Bodfish attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Boston on Wednesday.

The Sons of Veterans will hold their regular meeting in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Susie Smith, Miss Blanche Willard and Frank Keith visited friends in Warren Sunday.

Woodhead will photograph the riders in the road race to-morrow afternoon just before the start.

Mrs. E. H. Hitchcock of Warren is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary S. Foster of Thorndike street.

H. O. Allen, landlord of Hotel D'Allen, is spending a short vacation visiting friends in New York state.

L. G. Parkhurst of South Main street lost a valuable cow last Friday, the animal dying from hay fever.

Charles E. Dewey and Henry G. Loomis have been drawn as jurors for the civil term of the superior court.

Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church attended a Sunday school convention at Granville Wednesday.

G M. Atkins & Co. have been awarded the contract to build a large sewer in the town of Easthampton.

Mrs. Horace Saunders of New London, Ct., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. D. Holbrook, this week.

Mrs. D. L. Bodfish will leave next Monday for a visit of a couple of months at her old home in North Anson, Me.

Miss Pearl Lawton has gone to Franklin, where she will attend the commencement exercises of Dean Academy.

H. W. Smith has artistically adorned the front of the Smith Grocery Co's. store with a coat of paint of a greenish hue.

Mrs. M. Healey lost a letter on Main street recently which she would be very glad to have returned to her by the finder.

Mrs. W. H. Whiting of Greenfield has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dewey of South Main street, this week.

Attention is called to E D. Tufts's advertisement on another page. He is offering Keating wheels at an exceptionally low price.

C. E. Fuller has bought "Russell," a brother of "Roscoe," to make good the loss of his carriage horse "Pede" recently by death.

Mrs. Charles E. Dewey has gone to Chicago, where she will visit her brother, Capt. George H. Palmer, of the 6th infantry, U. S. A.

Benjamin Bell of Monson was brought before the court this morning by Officer T. J. Sault and was given thirty days in the house of correction at Springfield.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the pastor will take for his subject "A lad o' pairts." All the children are invited to be present and occupy the front seats.

William Merriam, chairman of the overseers of the poor, attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers at Taunton, Wednesday.

Chief Bills of the fire department has distributed about town newly printed cards giving the location of the fire alarm boxes, a favor which is greatly appreciated by the citizens.

Secretary F. D. Barton and J. F. Foley of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society have been appointed a committee by the directors to have charge of the renting of the park.

Mrs. F. A. Royce has gone to Tilton, N. H., to attend the commencement exercises at Tilton Seminary of the class of '97. Miss Bessie Royce is a member of the graduating class.

The Converse House coach, which has been off duty for some time, has been gotten inside a new coat of paint during its vacation, and is again in use between the hotel and station.

Landlord E. R. Pierce of the Converse House has been in Boston this week attending the annual convention of the hotel men's mutual benefit association of the United States.

Revere Chapter, Eastern Star, will celebrate its fourth anniversary to-morrow evening. Appropriate exercises will be held, including a literary entertainment. A collation will also be served.

William Weld fell from a ladder while painting in a barn at the J. H. Wesson farm Monday, and though no bones were broken, he sustained several bruises, and was unable to work for several days.

Miss Darling, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Rollins, returned to her home in Vermont yesterday. Master Walter Rollins accompanied her, and will spend the summer there.

D. L. Bodfish and Dr. G. H. Wilkins will attend the centennial of the Masonic lodge at Bridgewater next Tuesday, and also one at Concord on Wednesday with H. W. McGregory and E. C. Sexton.

Members of the Palmer lodge of Odd Fellows and their wives, are requested to meet at the hall at 12.30 p. m. Sunday, to go to Monson to attend the memorial exercises of the lodge there, on invitation of the Monson lodge.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter has decided to carry millinery only in future, and commences to-morrow a slaughter sale of her fancy goods and ladies' furnishings. Millinery will be included in the sale, and prices will range ridiculously low.

This morning the employes of the Palmer Carpet Company presented Joseph Paige with a handsome diamond ring, a diamond stud and also a watch charm, it being Mr. Paige's birthday. The presentation speech was made by David Ronan.

Julius Zawlmer of Stafford was arrested by Officer Eastman last evening for drunkenness. He was so drunk he couldn't walk, and it was necessary to secure one of Marcy's teams to convey him to the lockup. In court this morning he paid a fine of $5.

Dancing will be held in the pavilion at Forest Lake to-morrow afternoon from 1 o'clock to 7. Music will be furnished by Clark & Dean's orchestra, and Charles Martin will prompt. If this dance proves successful, others will probably be held in the future.

August Farsberry, a Swede, of Palmer, was before the court yesterday morning for drunkenness. He told the officer that he had drank beer in every saloon in the village, evidently believing in an equal distribution of patronage. He was fined $5, which was paid.

The Once-a-Week club will hold a reunion in the Converse House to-morrow evening. A banquet will be served and speeches made by different members. After the banquet an effort will be made to reorganize the club and hold the regular meetings which for several months have been discontinued.

The school committee held a meeting Monday and transacted routine business. It was ordered that all the schools below the ninth grade in the grammar buildings close at noon on the 25th, so as not to interfere with the graduating exercises of the grammar rooms, which are to be held on that afternoon.

The sidewalk on School street from the corner of Pleasant to Park, which has recently been raised and otherwise improved by public-spirited citizens in that locality, has been found a vast improvement, greatly appreciated by pedestrians during the past almost unprecedented leakage of the watering carts above.

The lawn party which was to have been held by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church on the church lawn Wednesday evening was postponed on account of the rain and will be held this evening. Ice cream, cake and candy will be served. If the weather is unpleasant, the affair will be held in the church.

The selectmen met in the room in Memorial Hall Monday and transacted the usual business. A petition from the Standard Oil Company for permission to erect an oil tank at a point quite near the Commercial block was considered, and it was voted to give the company leave to withdraw the petition, the selectmen thinking its proximity to the building would be dangerous. The company will probably select another location.

The Springfield *Sunday Republican*, in reviewing the work of the Great and General Court, had the following regarding the representative from the first Hampden district: "Hampden county has stood, also, higher than usual, and the two strongest members have been Democrats, Messrs. Stone of Springfield and Kenefick of Palmer. * * * Mr. Kenefick has also presided with much ability, has served well on the committee on ways and means, and has earned a reputation as one of the thoughtful men and good speakers in the House."

Deputy Sheriff H. A. Northrop arrested Rudolph Miller at the depot Tuesday on complaint of Landlord Mitchell of the Monson House, who charged Miller with skipping his board bill. Miller formerly boarded at the Monson House and left without paying his bill. Tuesday he came to Monson for his goods, and was later arrested. He appeared in court Wednesday morning, saying he would willingly pay Mr. Mitchell if he had the wherewithal. Later he smoothed over all his difficulties by paying the board bill and costs of the proceedings against him with money advanced by friends.

Investigation as to the cause of a series of groans which were heard at the rear of C. B. Fiske's house Wednesday night revealed a man decidedly the worse for too intimate relationship with intoxicants, lying flat on his face in a slight depression in the ground which was anything but tinder-like, with the rain pouring down upon him. He was ordered to move on, and finally succeeded in getting around the corner of the house toward the garden. Officer Eastman was telephoned for, and although he arrived in about five minutes no trace of the fellow could be found. The officer had hardly resumed his beat when a telephone called him to the residence of G. M. Atkins, to which the fellow had gone and where he had been detained.

Open-air temperance meetings were held Saturday and Sunday evenings on the vacant lot near the opera house on Central street. John R. Anderson of Boston was the speaker, and gave two able addresses. An amusing incident occured Saturday evening. During his speech he challenged any person in the audience to come upon the platform and give five reasons why the saloons were beneficial to the homes of Palmer. A man, somewhat intoxicated, accepted the challenge and mounted the platform. He said that the saloons did more good for the homes than he, Mr. Anderson, was doing. He was unable to give the other four, no doubt thinking the one he had given sufficient, and remained upon the platform, glorying in his prowess and wisdom until removed by an officer.

A very pretty June wedding took place at St. Thomas's Catholic church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, when Miss Elizabeth McManamy, a very popular young lady of this village, was united in marriage to Timothy J. O'Connor of Worcester, mail clerk from Boston to New York. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Donoghue. Miss Bridget Dowd was bridesmaid and Charles McManamy, brother of the bride, was best man. The bride was becomingly attired in a cadet blue travelling dress, and the bridesmaid wore a flowered organdie over cream silk. The presents were both numerous and beautiful. The newly-married couple have the best wishes of many friends for a long and happy union. They left on a morning train for a trip to New York, after which they will reside in Worcester.

PALMER CENTER.

Daniel Crimmins, Jr., has taken a position on the railroad at Enfield.

Mrs. Burpee returned last Friday from an extended visit with friends in Barre.

Mrs. Julia Parker of Wales is at the home of Samuel Brown during his daughter's absence.

G. W. Lent, warden at the town farm, has been very sick with a kidney trouble, but is again able to ride out.

Miss Mabel Brown left Tuesday for Pleasure Beach, Ct., accompained by Mrs. D. J. Mahoney, where they will make a short stay and prepare the cottage for summer occupants.

THREE RIVERS.

Keating Bicycles $45 at Tufts', Palmer.
Try Shady Lawn ice cream, at 56 Main street, Three Rivers.

Mr. Rycroft of West Warren has accepted a position in the Palmer Mill office.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman of Northampton visited their son, Fred Hillman, Sunday and Monday.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10.45 a. m. and 7. p. m.

Mrs. S. B. Barnes attended the W. C. T. U. convention at Chester last week, also visiting Miss Fanny Barnes, who is teaching in that place.

Mr. Thomas McWhorther of Springfield is to remain in this place during the vacation of the French Protestant College, where he is attending school.

The senior and junior Y. P. S. C. E. of the Union church will unite in giving a lawn party on Shady Lawn at the residence of F. A. Ruggles to-morrow afternoon. All are cordially invited.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Union church June 20th. The church will be well decorated, and the Sunday school superintendent, J. H. Trickett, is arranging a good programme for that day.

A good opportunity to obtain a building lot at a reasonable price will occur to-morrow, when F. A. Ruggles will sell 25 lots and two dwelling houses at auction. These lots are on Main, Frank and Charles streets, in desirable locations.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Paine's youngest child, Doris, had the misfortune to fall and break her collarbone one day last week, and their little boy Glen, while playing on a shed roof fell off and was unconscious for some hours. A doctor was summoned and found no bones broken. He is somewhat better now.

W. O. Twogood is confined to his house by sickness again. He has not felt well since his last sickness some six weeks ago. He managed to attend to his work most of the time until two weeks ago, when he had to give up. He is somewhat better now than he was a week ago, but is not yet able to work. Louis Percy of Ware is taking Mr. Twogood's place while he is out sick.

BONDSVILLE.

Keating Bicycles $45 at Tufts', Palmer.

R. L. Bond and family spent Sunday with relatives in Lowell.

Morgan Hyther has been visiting his aunt in Enfield this week.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Thomas Brace Thursday afternoon.

E. G. Childs and family spent several days last week visiting in Lowell.

Scott Merrifield of Springfield spent Saturday and Sunday at his home here.

The local schools held but one session Wednesday owing to the severe storm.

Peter Woods of Lowell is home for a few weeks' vacation, accompanied by his friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bolton of Holyoke are visiting Mr. Bolton's father, H. C. Bolton.

Patrick Mansfield went to Holyoke Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Lynch.

Jerry Shea, who has been playing ball with the Rutland, Vt., team, returned home early this week.

S. A. Ramsden has been quite sick for the past week or more, and has been removed to the home of his parents in Thorndike.

A delegation from the Epworth League attended the annual convention at Monson to-day, Olin F. Parent rendering a harmonica solo.

Mrs. L. W. Merrifield returned last week from Boston, where she had been undergoing treatment at the Mass. General Hospital.

The G. W. Wilbur Company presented Uncle Tom's Cabin in Liberty Hall last evening. A uniformed band gave a street parade at noon.

R. W. VanTassell is moving into the tenement vacated by H. C. Morgan, and Joseph Castledine has moved into the one vacated by H. L. Ryther.

Percy Butterfield, James Moriarty and Elwin Hayes have entered for the bicycle road race to-morrow. Quite a number from here will attend the race.

Michael Sullivan, who has been at the House of Mercy Hospital in Springfield for some time, has returned to his home considerably improved in health.

H. A. Stevens, who recently resigned his position as master mechanic for the Boston Duck Co., moved his family to Lowell Monday, and will stay there until he secures another situation.

The weather for the past month or more has been just about perfect for the hay crop, and that is about all it has been good for. Vegetable and flower gardens have been at a standstill, owing to the many cold rains.

R. L. Bond is putting in a reservoir on Pleasant street in the rear of the house recently built there, and will lay pipes and carry the water to his house and barn, and also supply anyone who wants water on the lower street.

The M. E. Sunday school is making arrangements for a concert to be given Sunday evening, it being Children's Day. It is expected that there will be singing by a chorus of about twelve adults, also recitations, singing and exercises by the children.

Phileos Beauregard is trying this week to get accustomed to an artificial leg which he has just received from the maker. Mr. Beauregard has withdrawn his suit against the Boston Duck Company for the loss of a leg, as the case has been settled outside the courts.

The Bondsville second team defeated the Belchertown high school team by the score of 16 to 7 on the hotel grounds last Saturday. Sullivan pitched a pretty fair game for Bondsville, although a little wild, while Hoag of Belchertown was wild and seemed to have no curve, although very swift.

THORNDIKE.

Keating Bicycles $45 at Tufts', Palmer.

Miss Hanora Hartnett of Ware is visiting friends here.

Mrs. G. J. Gnillow spent Sunday with friends in Millbury.

The Thorndike Company is painting its houses on Main street.

Miss Lula Breen of Haverhill is the guest of her brother Mathew.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews are visiting relatives at Orange.

Miss Hanora Hartnett of Ware is the guest of Mrs. William Hartnett.

Doc. Gay has gone to Jewett City, where he is to be employed in the mills.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Keith are enjoying a vacation with friends in Swanton, Vt.

Mrs. Thomas J. Moran and daughter are visiting her parents at North Wilbraham.

Mrs. Mary Lyons of Springfield is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crowley.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish officiated at the funeral of a former parishoner at Goshen Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Danihy of Boston spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Danihy of Commercial street.

Joseph Dumphy of Brookfield, formerly of this place, was the guest of friends here for a few days the past week.

Charles McCarty has severed his connection with the Thorndike Co., with whom he has been employed for several years.

Children's Sunday will be recognized at the First church next Sunday. There will be a concert by the Sunday school in the afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Fitzgerald of Ware was in town Saturday looking for a Polander who departed suddenly with another's watch and chain.

The No. 2 mill, which has been running 40 hours a week for some time, on Monday increased the time to 50 hours, much to the gratification of the employes.

The game of baseball which was to have been played Saturday at Gilbertville between the Thorndikes and home team was postponed on account of the stormy weather.

The bicycle craze continues in full force. D. F. Sullivan and William Murphy are riding a new Warick tandem, and Miss Katie Fleming and J. Crowley have also purchased new wheels.

Mrs. Joseph Come, who met with an accident some weeks ago, being burned badly with hot water, and who has been in poor health since, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday and her condition is critical.

T. J. Clifford and J. F. Luman have brought home fine strings of trout recently; last week Thursday 71, and on Monday of this week 85, a total of 156 in two days; and they say that the brooks are still alive with them.

Robbers at Work.

The house of Albert Vilk at the upper end of the village was entered a few nights ago about 3 a. m. by some unknown person, who gained an entrance by removing a screen from a cellar window. The thief once inside, proceeded to Mr. Vilk's bedroom, where two trunks were, one containing several hundred dollars, the other a watch valued at $20 and some clothing. This trunk was taken outside and rifled, the clothing being thrown about upon the ground and the watch taken away. The occupants of the household were in ignorance of what had taken place until they awoke in the morning to find the room in a state of disorder. The same night or early in the morning the house of S. J. Jorczak, the Polish merchant, was entered by the same parties it is thought, but nothing was found missing. This time the entrance was made by removing the screen from the window opposite School street. Peter Kosh, another Pole, who resides on Pine avenue, had $10 stolen from his room on Saturday. The work is thought to be that of some of their fellow-countrymen who are familiar with the houses which were robbed, and also with the places where the money was kept.

DIED.

At Monson, 4th, Frank Ritter, 58.
At Monson, 5th, Frances A., widow of the late Henry B. Wright of Chicopee Falls.
Worcester papers please copy.
At Ware, 6th, George C. Holden, 75.

TO RENT.—Small tenement in Commercial Block. C. B. HOLBROOK. 9-tf

LOT Second-hand Windows and Doors for sale. 6-13 GEORGE W. LYMAN, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to H. S. HOLDEN.

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE, all kinds; 35c per 100. MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Monson, on the "Plains." 11-1

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All graduates of the Palmer High School who are interested in the formation of an Alumni Association, will please meet in the high school building Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock. It is very desirable that all attend. "99."

TOWN OF PALMER.
NOTICE.

The selectmen and school committee will hold a joint meeting, Saturday, June 19, at 2.30 p. m., at the school committee rooms, High School Building, to elect a member of the school committee in place of Mr. C. D. Fuller, resigned.

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LOCAL NOTICES.

For Sale Low.—One ox wagon, nearly new; two very good ox carts in prime condition. No use for them. R. M. & Theo. Reynolds.

MRS. LYON'S WILL SUSTAINED.

The Famous Case Quickly Decided Saturday in the Supreme Court.

The evidence in the Lyon will case was all put in last Friday, when Henry A. King, the executor of the will, and Miss Reed were put on the witness stand. Both of these witness gave important testimony, though it was not of the startling character expected Mr. King said that on one occasion while in New York with Mrs. Lyon attending to business affairs with Mr. Dale, after Mrs. Lyon had left the room in which they were, Mr. Dale said, "Henry, that woman has lied to me again and again and insulted me. If she ever speaks to me again or writes to me, I'll give it to her in the neck." Miss Reed testified that Mrs. Lyon had always spoken very affectionately of her grandson, and of not seeing him often enough. Had heard Mrs. Lyon say that no one knew how she suffered on her European trip with the Dales, and that Mr. Dale once said "If she didn't behave herself he would put her on a steamer and send her home." Witness denied always remaining in the room when little Chalmers was present, and of speaking against or attempting to prejudice Mrs. Lyon against Mr. Dale.

Saturday morning Lawyer F. P. Goulding commenced his argument for the contestants. The court room was packed with spectators, including a large number of women who evinced much interest. Mr. Goulding's plea was a brilliant and powerful, as well as a rhetorical effort. At the outset he reviewed the circumstances of Mrs. Lyon's life and the bequests of the different wills. He claimed that the appointment of H. A. King as executor and the executing of the two codicils were the fruit of a certain delusion of mind that had come upon Mrs. Lyon as the result of a sinister, artful and subtle influence exercised upon her by those whom she was to aid. He did not dispute her intelligence, which was unimpaired. There is, however, such a thing as partial insanity, such an insanity as is only manifested upon a certain object or class of objects, while the general intelligence of the mind is clear. He claimed that this delusion, of which the new will was born, was exercised in reference to Chalmers Dale and that without cause whatever. He concluded his argument by a vivid portrayal of the change in Mrs. Lyon towards Mr. Dale, and how in wild fury she rushed, metaphorically speaking, at Mr. Dale and hit little Chalmers instead.

J. B. Carroll then argued for the executor and heirs. "This case," he said, "is being tried upon two issues; it is not a matter of sympathy; we are dealing with the property of Mrs. Nancy Lyon and the question is one of testamentary evidence, nothing more, nothing less. It is whether or no, at the time she made this will and these codicils, she understood what her property was and to whom she was bestowing it. All the evidence revolves about the will and the two codicils. At that time was she in full possession of her mental powers and faculties to draw up this instrument? Let us see. We called here last Tuesday men who saw her and talked with her, men of more than ordinary intelligence, and not from one of them is a doubt or a peradventure, but all tell you that she was of sound mind. Where is the witness in this case, who has been called and sworn, who has dared to say or intimate that Mrs. Lyon was not of sound mind? Doctors, lawyers, bankers and business men find no impairment in her mental faculties. And if there is more direct testimony of her mental power in the case than in appreciation of the character of Mr. Dale, I have yet to learn it." Continuing Mr. Carroll said, "Our learned friends have a theory of delusion on which they wish to decide the case. Suppose she did have a delusion about Mr. Dale, what earthly difference would it make with the case? But observations founded upon reality are not delusions. Acting upon her knowledge of the man as he showed himself to her in the past, she knew him. Looking into the future, she still knew him." Taking up the point of undue influence, Mr. Carroll said that Chalmers Dale, Jr, was the contestant, not Chalmers Dale, Sr., around whom a large share of the evidence centered. By the codicil of 1895 young Dale was willed $100,000. By the codicil of 1896 he was willed $125,000, so by the undue influence he is $25,000 richer. He closed by reading an extract of a supreme court decision bearing upon this case.

Judge Morton said in part: "There are but two questions involved, the soundness of mind of the testatrix, and undue influence. The result of the testimony as a whole has presented to my mind the picture of an elderly lady, freer from the infirmities of age than is common with one of her years, vigorous in body and in mental powers. She enjoyed the society of her neighbors and friends, kept up with the current literature of the day, discussing it with intelligence, and ruled her own household in her own way. I do not recall an instance in her letters that showed any mental impairment. It seems to me that the evidence tends to show that there has been a growing estrangement between Mrs. Lyon and Mr. Dale; that she had been treated in a way which she did not expect So that I think so far from being a delusion her views were warranted by the state of things and by the actual relations between them. I think that as far as I have been able to observe the estate has been managed with honesty and faithfulness on the part of Mr. Dale; so much is due him. The decision of the probate court sustaining the will is affirmed."

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Plans for the Bicycle Road Race.

A meeting was held in Memorial Hall last evening to make final arrangements for the bicycle road race which is to take place next Tuesday evening. About forty wheelmen were present, which shows that quite an interest is being taken in the race. The course which will probably be run is from the north corner of Hutchinson's shop up Academy hill to the father end of the state road at North Monson, back to the starting point by the way of Washington street, back again to North Monson, returning with a finish in front of Memorial Hall, making a distance of eight miles. Some of the riders object to finishing in front of Memorial Hall, and think it should be arranged so they can finish on the macadamized road, as the riding is much better, but this the committee will arrange as they think best. The race will be started promptly at 6.45 p. m., and is to be a one minute and a half handicap. The following entries have been made: Scratch men, Julius B. Glover, Cyrus Converse, A. Walker, Charles Welden, F. E. Severy, Charles Entwistle, Frank McKernan, W. C. Nelson, George Entwistle and Lyman Mason; the 1½ minute handicap men are L. H. Ball, Dennis Murphy, John Pendergrast, Edward Duncan, Walter Ballard and Walter H. Monlton; ¾ of a minute handicap, Henry Needham. Quite a good sum of money has been collected and most of the merchants have either given money or prizes. There will probably be ten or more prizes besides the time prize; these will be on exhibition at Keeney's drug store by to-morrow. All entries must be handed to the committee by to-morrow night.

Commencement at Monson Academy.

The commencement season at the Academy will open Sunday evening, the 20th, at 8 p. m., in the Congregational church, with the baccalaureate sermon, which will be preached before the graduating class by Rev. Charles M. Lamson, D. D., of the Center church, Hartford. The music for the occasion will be furnished by a mixed quartette, under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Norcross. Public oral examinations will be held in the Academy Monday morning and afternoon. In the evening at 7 o'clock the class day exercises will be held on the campus and in the chapel. At 10 a. m., Tuesday, the graduation exercises will be held in Memorial Hall. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D. D., of Springfield; subject, "In school and after." This is a departure from the program of recent years, which has consisted largely of orations and essays by the graduates. The senior reception will be given in the chapel, at 8.30 p. m. The Philharmonic Orchestra of Springfield will furnish music for the exercises of commencement day. The committee in charge of the alumni dinner have decided to omit the dinner this year. For some time there has been a growing feeling that these occasions would be more successful if held only every other year. The omission this year may be the beginning of this plan. It is probable, however, that arrangements will be made for an alumni reunion on the campus Tuesday afternoon, or that the senior reception will be made an occasion for the meeting of the alumni as in former years.

Death of Frank Ritter.

Frank Ritter, 58, died at his home on Pearl street Friday afternoon at 2.20 after a long illness. Mr. Ritter was born in Mylan, Saxony, Germany, August 7, 1838, coming to this country twenty-two years ago, and has resided in Monson most of the time since, being employed in the woolen mills. He was well known and much respected He leaves besides a widow, seven children, Richard, Bruno, Otto, Robert and George of Monson, and Morris and Mrs. Mary Gurney of Wales. He also leaves one brother and two sisters in Germany. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at his late residence at 2.30, Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating, the burial being in the Center cemetery.

The public schools will close next Friday.

Mrs. William King of Willimantic is the guest of Mrs. E. B. Potter.

Dr. C. O. Thompson of Boston is spending a few days at E. L. King's.

Miss Nellie M. Taft of New York is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Tufts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright have been spending a week in Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. Edward L. King of South Monson is suffering from a sprained wrist.

William Sherriff has taken a position with L. Hutchinson as carriage painter.

A. W. Gates Fairbanks of Boston is the guest of Miss Sarah E. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Bradway returned Saturday from their wedding trip.

Charles Entwistle and Arthur H. Orcutt took a bicycle trip to Spencer last Saturday.

Dr. Harry Merchant is attending the patients of Dr. G. E. Fuller, who is taking a vacation.

Mrs. R. F. Bradway left Wednesday for a few weeks' visit to her old home in Goulds-boro, Maine.

William G. Meacham, Jr., returned Tuesday from a week's visit with friends in in Springfield.

Charles L. Ricketts of South Manchester, Ct, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ricketts.

Mrs. G. S. Rollins and children of Davenport, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Rollins's mother, Mrs. E O. Knowlton.

The Academy base ball team will play the Palmer high school nine on Flynt Park tomorrow afternoon. The game will be called at 2.30.

Miss Eaglesmore, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Todd for the past month, returns to-morrow to her home in Providence.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will commence next Sunday to hold the evening meeting at six o'clock, instead of seven, during the summer months only.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold an ice cream and cake sociable in the church next Friday evening. There will also be a short entertainment during the evening.

The presiding elder, Dr. J. O. Knowles, will hold the first quarterly conference in the vestry of the M. E. church to-morrow evening at 7.45, and preach at the morning service Sunday at 10.30

The convention of the Epworth League of Hampden county, group six, was held in the M. E. church this morning and afternoon, and will continue this evening, with the programme as given last week.

The candidates for Monson Academy from the public schools who have not already received certificates, and those from the district schools will be examined Saturday, June 19th, at 9 a. m. at the Green street school.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Bertha A. Thompson to Robert C. McIntosh of Springfield, to take place Wednesday afternoon, June 23d, at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thompson on South Main street.

T. H. Todd has adopted a new card system by which his customers, after purchasing $5 worth of goods, receives a special price on furniture which he has, each purchase being checked on the card, and on September 30th three prizes will be given to those having made the largest amount of purchases.

Next Sunday will be observed as Memorial Sunday by the Odd Fellows. Rev. J. H. Jenner of Merrick will give an address in Odd Fellows' hall at 2.30 p. m., and all Odd Fellows and their families are invited to be present. After the exercises the graves of deceased Odd Fellows will be decorated.

T. H. Todd makes a business trip to Springfield every Thursday, and will do errands in any line of business for all who may so desire. His charge will be from 10 to 25 cents, according to the size and the weight of the package, but no charge will be made for errands in the dry goods line, or any of the lines which are carried in Mr. Todd's store. Orders left at his store will receive prompt and careful attention.

Dr. George E. Fuller has in his front yard a large rhododendron bush which is attracting considerable attention. It has 265 blossoms of a beautiful light red color. A peculiar thing about the plant is that the buds form in the fall but it does not blossom until spring, and the leaves remain green throughout the winter. People who have seen a number of these bushes claim that this is the largest and has the most blossoms of any they have ever seen.

Frances A. Ford, 69, widow of Henry B. Wright of Chicopee, died Monday afternoon from the effects of a cancer, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dwight Ayers, in the south part of the town. The deceased was born in Maine. She leaves four children, Lizzie, wife of Dwight H. Ayers of Monson, Fred L. of Stafford, Lucius L. of Chicopee Falls, and Henry E., and one brother and a sister in Auburn, N. Y. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Harry Blackford officiating.

The class day exercises of the Green street grammar school will be held next Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m., with this programme:

Salutatory, with essay, "Tongues." *Perley Aldrich.
Essay, "Paper," Helen Blodgett.
Recitation, "Two Surprises." Olive Morgan.
Music.
Essay, "Music." Winnie Thayer.
Essay, "Good and Evil of War." Frank Maguire.
Recitation, "Before the Battle." Carrie Flynt.
Boys' Chorus,
Messrs Drain, Carpenter, Luce, Miller, Naughton, Watson, Squire, H. and E. King.
Class Prophecies,
Esther Robbins and June Noreross.
Girls' Chorus,
Misses Crocker, Thayer, Looney, Place, Beckwith, Carpenter, Robbins, Flynt, Sweet, Meacham, Dillon, Merrick, Morgan, Gallivan, E. and H. Blodgett.
Recitation, "Dignity of Labor." Elmer King.
Quotations,
Essay, "Homes," Esther Beckwith.
Music, "Home Sweet Home."
Essay, "The Rose." (class flower) Lizzie Gallivan.
Presentation of hook, Earnest Watson.
Essay, "Treasure Boxes."
Valedictory, *Alice Carpenter
Class Song, (written for), *Louise Place.
*By rank.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Blanch Willard of Palmer is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. R. Baker.

There will be a Children's Day concert in the M. E church next Sunday evening.

Rev. A. R. Nichols of Monson will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson and son are taking a carriage drive to Boston and vicinity.

F. F. Marcy of Palmer is repairing the store in his block on Main street, recently burned.

LUDLOW.

Miss Littlefield, teacher of the high school, has resigned and F. F. Smith of the Bridgewater Normal School is to take the position.

Monday was children's night at the Grange. A strawberry supper was served at 7 o'clock, which was followed by an entertainment.

The Ludlows defeated the Somerville, Ct., team on the grounds Saturday in an interesting game. The score, Ludlow 12, Somerville 5

At a meeting of the school board last week Miss Addie Cole was re-elected principal of the grammar school, and the other teachers in the town were also re-elected.

WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. C. S Schofield is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. Mandana Mosely will move to Springfield soon.

Next Sunday will be observed as Children's Day at the First Congregational church.

Miss Laura L Dane of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting her sister, Miss Lucy M. Dane.

Mrs. Joseph A. Gillette of New York has arrived at her residence on North Main street for the summer.

Mrs. E M. Allis, formerly of the Allis house, which was burned last summer, has rented a cottage at Sachems Head, Guilford, Ct, where she will spend the summer.

A meeting of the Wesleyan Academy Alumni Association was held in New York last Friday and these officers elected: President, C. Z. D. Peck; vice president, Miss Marian Shailer; secretary, Miss C. M. Eichbauer; treasurer, H. C. Bailey.

The county commissioners gave a hearing here this week in regard to building a new road from the end of the state road to the Boston road. No opposition was offered and the commissioners have ordered a survey so that the cost can be estimated.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Jack Wilson of Mittineague was the guest of Robert Chuney on Monday.

Miss Evelyn E. Bell has returned from a visit to her sister in Providence.

Charles N. Gabb of Northampton was the guest of Miss Nellie M. Morgan last Sunday.

A band of gypsies has been encamped just west of the Boston and Albany station for about a week.

The manufacturing department of the paper mill has been shut down this week, owing to a scarcity of orders.

Miss Eunice E. Bell is the happy possessor of a new Crawford bicycle, a present from an East Providence, R. I., friend.

Children's Day will be observed at Grace church next Sunday with special services by the scholars of the Sunday school at 5 p. m.

William A. Mowry has been drawn as juryman for the June term of the superior court, civil session, to be held at Springfield.

Frank H. Strickland has the cellar for his new house nearly completed, and the building will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The Cutler Co. has two new tubular boilers set, and the work of connecting the same with the engine is being done. George Boardman of Hartford is superintending the piping.

WALES.

One of the fine pair of horses recently purchased by H. E Shaw died last week of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fox attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Edith Morse, at Warren Wednesday evening.

D. E. Parker, who has been confined to his bed by rheumatism, is recovering and hopes to soon be able to attend to his business.

The state of affairs concerning the Excelsior Woolen Co. remains unchanged, no settlement having been made. The help are very anxious to have matters settled, as they are in need of work and fear they may have to seek it elsewhere unless some arrangement is made soon to start up the mill; 75 hands are out of employment and times seem very dull.

A New Postmaster.

There seems to be a clean sweep in post office matters. W. A. Lyon is appointed postmaster in place of O. P. Royce, and Elmer Belding will succeed Henry Pease in carrying the mail. Both changes go into operation July 1st. Mr. Pease has given excellent satisfaction in his mail business; he has been very prompt and obliging, which has been appreciated by the patrons. While regrets are felt at the change, good service is expected from Mr. Belding.

BRIMFIELD.

W. S. Janes is visiting in Worcester this week.

Mrs. Julia Hubbard has returned from a trip in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Charles Tarbell and son Munroe are on a visit to relatives in Providence, R. I.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a strawberry and ice cream sociable in the church vestry this evening.

The tenement in J. F. Converse's new building is completed, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Campbell having moved in last week.

Principal and Mrs. Earle gave a supper to the graduating class of the Hitchcock Free High School last Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Hayward of Southbridge occupied the pulpit of the First church last Sunday in exchange with Rev. R. J. Kyle.

The commencement exercises of the H. F. H. school will be held in the First church next Friday at 2 o'clock p. m Reception and prize speaking in the evening at the town hall.

Children's Sunday will be observed as usual at the First church next Sunday morning. There will be a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Kyle, followed by a concert by the children.

The trustees of the Hitchcock high school, Oscar F. Brown, George M. Hitchcock, Thomas A. Morgan of this town; Dr. E. W. Norwood of Spencer and Salem D. Charles of Boston, met in Hotel Ramsdell at Warren Saturday to examine applicants for the position of principal to succeed George W. Earle, resigned. Thirteen men applied, and the trustees engaged Fred A. Luce of Southboro.

WARE.

John, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Maloney, died last Friday.

A movement is on foot to have Mary Howe Lavin sing here some evening this week.

F. E. Pourdy's three-months-old son died Monday evening from abcess of the brain.

Mrs. D. A. Jennison of the Hampshire House left Friday for Sunapee, N. H., for the summer.

Arrangements are being made by the Foresters to hold a big picnic at Eaton's grove July 5.

Mrs. John Lambert of Water street won the $75 bicycle at the All Saint's church festival Tuesday evening.

All the stores on Main street closed for an hour Thursday afternoon during the funeral of the late George C. Holden.

The Standard Oil Company has constructed a tank 10 feet in diameter and 40 feet long, near the depot in which to store oil.

At the district court last week James Foley, Michael Moriarty and Thomas McManus were given 30 days each for drunkenness.

The annual festival and entertainment in the town hall Tuesday evening was a successful affair in every way. About $600 was cleared for All Saint's church debt.

The charges against James and Michael Smith & Co. for selling liquor to a drunken man were investigated before the selectmen last Friday evening. After the charges were heard the selectmen decided that there was no case against Smith.

Miss Nora Maloney, 26, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Maloney, died Saturday morning of Bright's disease after an illness of over a year. Miss Maloney worked for many years in the Otis Company's finishing department, where she had a wide circle of friends. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

A base ball team has been organized and will open the season to-morrow afternoon with a game on the home grounds against the strong Ludlow team. The members of the new team will play as follows: Keefe, catcher; O'Connor and Davis, pitchers; Winn, 1st base; Moriarty, 2d base; Bassett, 3d base; Danihy, shortstop; J. E. Moriarty, left field; Wilson, center field; Rodgers, right field.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

George C. Holden, 75, died Sunday afternoon at his home on Main street from the effects of the shock which he sustained the previous Tuesday. Mr. Holden was formerly a woolen manufacturer in Spencer, and came to Ware in 1859 and located in business. He was remarkably successful and retired in 1894 One daughter, Miss Emma M. Holden, and a brother, Dr. Daniel Holden of Holyoke, survive him. The funeral was held Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Dyer, officiating. Burial took place in Leicester.

BELCHERTOWN.

William Lynn is spending a few days in New York, the guest of friends.

Miss Susie Bridgman has returned from a visit of several weeks in New London.

Children's Day will be observed at the Congregational church Sunday. The Methodist church will observe the day on the 20th.

A meeting of the citizens will be held in Grand Army hall next Wednesday to make arrangements for the celebrating of the Fourth of July.

The Georgia minstrels and jubilee singers, a troupe composed of local talent, will give a concert soon under the auspices of the young woman's guild.

Mrs. Alice Kendall, who for the past few months has been traveling in the Holy Land, will sail for home the 18th, and is expected to arrive at New York the 25th.

The commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Belchertown high school will begin next Friday at 7.45 p m in the town hall with the Longley prize speaking contest; Sunday, the 20th, the baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. Geo. C. Newton of the Congregational church, at 10.45 a. m.; Monday, at 8 p. m. in Congregational church, address by President M. E. Gates of Amherst College; Tuesday, reception of the class of '97 in G. A. R. Hall at 7.45 p. m.

The 10th annual meeting of the trustees of the Clapp memorial library was held last week, Everett Clapp of New York, the president, presiding. The various reports were read and accepted. The number of books in the library at present is 5879, an increase of 4092 from the first year. During the past ten years 102,555 books have been taken out by patrons of the library. Two-hundred and fifty-one books have been placed on the shelves during the past year. Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley was elected vice-president.

Col. M. P. Walker Sues for a Divorce.

Some time ago a suit was brought by Mrs. M. P. Walker, formerly of Belchertown, now of New York, against Col. M. P. Walker of Springfield, for a divorce. The filing of this suit attracted much attention, as both parties were well known. Last Saturday another interesting development occurred by the filing of a counter suit by the Colonel for a divorce from his wife for desertion. A bill of complaint in equity accompanies the plea, to secure the rights which he claims he has in the large property brought to him by his wife and which they mutually used for 13 years. He states that he first met his wife in San Francisco, Cal, when she was the wife of C. N. Scudder. Mrs. Scudder was at this time trying for a divorce from Mr. Scudder, which she afterwards secured. They were engaged and in 1878 went abroad and were married at London. His wife was a very wealthy woman. An agreement was made, the Colonel represents, that all her property should be used in common excepting $85,000, and that the rest should be turned over to him. In 1890 his wife took all the personal property and returned to New York. In June 1891, she returned and decided to live with him. This was done. But the reunion was short and she soon deserted him for what he believes to be permanently.

Col. Walker claims a half share in the property, and urges that the agreement made between them be enforced.

WARREN.

Mrs Briggs of Boston was the guest of Miss Sarah Arnold last week.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the various churches next Sabbath.

Alfred Shumway has accepted a position with the Slater Engine Company.

The money for the stock of the new pump shop is called in, to be paid in ten days.

Mrs. George Shumway is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Aaron King, at Nashua, N. H.

The historical room at the library was open yesterday from 2 to 4 for the benefit of many who were unable to see the exhibit Wednesday.

On Monday the ladies of the Home Missionary Society shipped a valuable box of clothing and household supplies to Rev. Mr. Abbett, a home missionary in Indiana.

While boarding the train at Springfield last Saturday night Mr Lyman Crosby had his pocket-book stolen. It contained about $500, but luckily a large part of it was in notes and checks.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss A. R. Smith and Mr. C. B. Moore, which will take place at the First church in Newton Center Wednesday evening, June twenty-third, at half past seven.

A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Warren steam pump company was held at Warren Saturday afternoon. It was announced that the stock, $50,000, had all been subscribed, with a small amount additional to make allowance for any who might decline to pay. It was voted to make a call at once for the amount of the stock, to be paid in 10 days. It was also voted that the directors buy at once such tools and machinery as they think best.

In spite of the stormy skies and pouring rain a large delegation attended the meeting of the historical society at the Congregational church Wednesday. A double quartette, consisting of the chorus of the Universalist and Congregational churches, furnished music. The address by Rev. Mr. Bodge of Leominster on King Philip was very interesting. At 2.30 lunch was served in the chapel. In the afternoon interesting addresses were made by Mr. Chase of Sturbridge, Miss Tarbell of Brimfield, and Rev. W. B. Forbush of Warren. A fine collection of antiques and curios was exhibited in Library Hall. Mr. Robert Batchelder of North Brookfield, the genial president of the society, presided at both morning and afternoon sessions. An interesting letter was read from Mr. George Sheldon of Deerfield.

Friends from Ludlow, Palmer, Bondsville and West Warren met at the pleasant West Brookfield home of Mr. and Mrs. David Slade Stebbins on Thursday, June 3d, the gathering being in honor of Mr. Stebbins's eighty-first birthday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins, the latter being three years younger than her husband, are enjoying excellent health. Both retain their keen interest in current events, and few younger people are better posted than they in local or national affairs. Both are also greatly interested in the church and in the cause of Christian missions. Mr. Stebbins is quite well known in the Brookfields as an expert in the care of fruit trees and vines, and during the season his services are always in demand for trimming fruit and other trees. Although so far past the three-score years and ten, he has recently done considerable work in this line on the Chamberlain homestead near West Brookfield, and he also cares for a large number of lawns and cemetery lots. During the afternoon a part of the company visited the rooms of the West Brookfield branch of the Quaboag Historical Society, to which Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins have been liberal contributors. After presenting the happy couple with a beautiful parlor lamp and partaking of a bountiful collation, the guests took their departure late in the afternoon, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins many happy returns of the day.

Morse—Tourtelotte.

A pleasant society event this week was the wedding and reception of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tourtelotte Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed at seven o'clock. The bride, Miss Edith Morse, was becomingly gowned in white brocaded satin trimmed with chiffon and lace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. A. Fisher. Miss Nannie Bromley of Pawtucket, R. I., was maid of honor and was attired in Nile green silk. The bridesmaids were Miss Jennie Price of Warren, Miss Lizzie Morse, Miss Alice Whittemore and Miss Ethel Whittemore of Southbridge. The best man was Mr. A. P. Tourtelotte, brother of the groom, and the ushers were Edwin Price Jr., of Warren, Charles Litchfield, F. J. Gilkey and Dr. H. G. Beckman of Southbridge. The bridal party stood under an arch of laurel and ferns. Miss Mabel Nye presided at the piano. A reception was held from eight until ten. The couple left on the 9.27 train, and after a short trip will reside at 18 Gorham street, West Somerville. There was a bountiful collection of wedding gifts.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Mary Sullivan, late of Palmer, Mass., deceased, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and having its usual place of business at said Palmer, dated May 12th, 1888, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 441, folio 194, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the third day of July, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A tract of land with buildings thereon situate in said Palmer and known as Lot No 59, on plan of lands formerly owned by M. W. French and Albert Burleigh, which plan is recorded in the aforesaid Registry Book 223, page 601. Said lot being bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southerly side of Park street at corner of lot No. 49, on said plan and thence running easterly along said street about 7 rods to corner of lot No. 51, the same now occupied by the Advent chapel; thence southerly about 5 rods to land of Mary Sedgwick; thence westerly by land of said Sedgwick about 7 rods to lot No. 49; thence by said lot No. 49 to the point of departure, containing thirty-one square rods of land, more or less.

$200 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

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Palmer, Mass., June 10, 1897. 11-3

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RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Harre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

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"Vas Marriage a Failure?"

Vas marriage a failure? Vell, now, dot depends
Altogeddher on how you look at id, mine friends.
Like dhose double-horse teams dot you see at der races,
Id depends pooty mooch on der pair in der traces;
Eef dhey don'd pull togeddher righdt off at der start,
Ten dimes ondt of nine dhey vas beddher apart.

Vas marriage a falure? I ask mine Katrine,
Und she look off me so dot I feels pooty mean;
Dhen she say; "Mr. Strauss, shust come here, eef you bleaze,"
Und she dake me vhere Yawcob und leedle Loweeze
By dher shung trundle-bed vast shust saying dheir brayer,
Und she say, mit a smile: "*Vas der some failures dhere?*"

—*Yacob Strauss, in the Boston Pilot.*

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS.

THE JUNE BRIDE.

The sky at the hour of twilight
With a somber hue is dyed,
For the sunset glow
Now has no show
With the blush of the new June bride.

—*Springfield, Ill., Monitor.*

Mrs. Smith—"Bridget, I told you to get ham for luncheon, and you got steak." Bridget—"Shure, Oi niver eat ham."—*Judge.*

Wife—"Why are you always complaining about that $10 you paid the minister for marrying me?" Husband—"Because I was swindled."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Ragged Haggard—"You had a mighty close call in dat lodgin' house fire, didn't you?" Seldum Fedd—"Bet yer neck! Dem firemen squirted water widin two feet o' me!"—*Puck.*

"Miss Point Breeze doesn't care for me any more," sighed Mr. Homewood. "Marble heart?" queried Murray Hill. "No; bicycle heart."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

"I omit the name of the Greek commander in this scrimmage," wrote the faithful war correspondent, "for I only had four reams of paper left."—*Philadelphian North American.*

The Giddy Young Thing—"What is that proverb about there being no marrying in heaven?" The Chronic Bachelor—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Teacher—"Has anything ever been discovered or invented that has the property of returning toward you except the boomerang?" Small pupil—"Yes'm. The cat."—*Detroit Tribune.*

Another victim: Teacher—"Where were you yesterday?" Pupil (whimpering)—"It was all "Billy" Smith's fault; he hinpertized me an' made me go fishing with him."—*Philadelphia Press.*

There are three kinds of trouble and some people make a practice of having them all at a time—all they ever had, all they have now, and all they hope for or expect to have.—*Houston Post.*

"A girl and a mouse simply misunderstand each other," remarked the observer of men and things, "even if they do make more or less fuss about it than a girl and anybody else."—*Detroit Journal.*

She—"Have you got your bicycle yet?" He—"Oh, yes." "I don't see you on the road as much this season as I did last." "No, I'm on my wheel more now. I ride better, you know."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

"De danger 'bout complimentin' er hired man," said Uncle Eben, "is that it's liable ter git 'im ter puttin' 'is mind on de work he's done gone did, 'stead o' de work dat's waitin' ter he 'tended to."—*Washington Star.*

"Fly with me," he cried passionately. She looked over the aeroplane critically, remarking on the violation of several principles of mechanics, and finally said: "What is the matter with a Pullman car?"—*Minneapolis Journal.*

"Yes," answered the savage woman sadly, "civilization has indeed brought us woes. Rum? Yes, there's rum, and then I never, until I became civilized, knew what it was to keep a skirt and shirt waist together behind." Her lips trembled.—*Detroit Tribune.*

Paderewski smiled as he struck the closing chord of a brilliant scherzo by Handel. "Oh, dear, no," he said. "This speed is simply nothing! You ought to see me when I'm out on my bike and run into a tree. Sail over the Handel bars? Mm-m-m!"—*New York Press.*

"Say," said the man who had seen the farmer lose his last cent against the shell game, "didn't you know that fellow is a robber?" "Ho, wal," said the agriculturist, "I got the money somethin' the same way, so it don't matter. I made it sellin' maple mullassiz."—*Chicago Post.*

Hayseed—"Where is the durn gaslight in my room?" Hotel Clerk—"You will find the electric light near the window." Hayseed—"Do you mean that old fishhook in a glass case? I turned the crank and the fishhook got red hot. Then I shut her off for fear it might bust."—*Harpar's Bazar.*

"I shall need $5 to-day, James," said Mrs. Upstrike. "That has been about your average per day for the last month," replied Mr. Upstrike, handing it out reluctantly. "And I want to call your attention to the circumstances, Belinda, that it is just five times as many bones as Eve cost Adam in her whole career."—*Chicago Tribune.*

"Mamma, why should the landlady object to children?" Mother—"I'm sure I don't know; but go and see what baby is crying about, and tell Johnny to stop throwing things at people in the street, and make George and Kate cease fighting, and tell Dick if he doesn't stop blowing that tin trumpet I'll take it away from him."—*Tit-Bits.*

Mrs. Quiddle—"I wonder what has become of John! He went out early this morning, and here it is 'most dark, and I haven't heard a word from him." Mrs. Raddle—"Do you really have fears for his safety?" Mrs. Quiddle—"Oh, I guess his safety's all right, but I'm afraid he's fallen off the confounded thing and broke his leg."—*Boston Transcript.*

Merchant Tailor—"Good morning, Mr. Truepay. What can I do for you this morning?" Mr. Truepay—"I want a suit of clothes." "Yes, sir. John, the tape and book, please." "Oh, I don't want a suit to measure. I want a ready-made suit." "Eh? Ready made?" "Yes—a cheap one." "Certainly—certainly. Right this way, please. I hadn't heard of your marriage."—*New York Weekly.*

Pallid, yet firm, with light of the New Era shining in her eyes, the fourteenth wife of Pacha of Boomtarara stood before her lord. "I will be your slave no longer," she said. "I demand a separation." The Pacha smiled. "Yusef" said he to the functionary with the snickersnee, "will you kindly separate the lady? Just above the shoulders." And thus was the new woman movement quelched in its incipiency.—*Salem Gazette.*

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Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs,	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	23	9	71.9	Rochester,	16	18	47.1
Syracuse,	20	11	64.5	Providence,	15	19	44.1
Scranton,	16	14	53.2	Toronto,	14	21	40.0
Springfield,	17	16	51.5	Wilkesb're,	9	22	29.0

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore,	27	9	75.0	Pittsburg,	19	18	51.4
Boston,	25	12	67.6	Philadelphia,	21	20	51.2
Cincinnati,	24	13	64.9	Louisville,	17	20	45.9
New York,	19	15	55.9	Chicago,	15	24	38.5
Brooklyn,	20	18	52.6	Washington,	11	25	30.6
Cleveland,	19	18	51.1	St. Louis,	8	33	19.5

The Three Rivers Club's Statement.

Editor Palmer Journal:—Knowing the reputation of your paper for publishing the truth if it can be got at, and seeing a statement in your paper which is utterly at variance with the facts in the case, we take the liberty of presenting the facts as they really are in relation to the game of ball played by the P. H. S. and Three Rivers team on May 31st at the Three Rivers grounds.

In the first place the P. H. S. team was to be at the grounds at or before 9.30 a. m., but failing to appear the manager of the home team telephoned them at 11 a. m. asking if they were coming, and was told that the P. H. S. team would let him know in one hour. The next thing heard or seen of them was their appearance at 3 p. m. on the grounds. As the home team had given them up most of the players had gone away and substitutes had to be picked up out of what material was at hand.

The history of the game is that the P. H. S. team started with Kennedy in the box, who was knocked out in the third inning, Nelson being substituted. Nelson had no more effect, and after being knocked out of the box in two innings Kennedy went back and finished the game.

The T. R. team put Kane in the box and in the fifth inning he was hurt by a batted ball and "Tom" Manning finished the game with the score as follows:

Three Rivers	22
P. H. S.	16

The game resolved itself into a disgusting exhibition of wordy malice and a war of unnecessary words by the P. H. S. team *as a whole* against the *very fair* decisions of the umpire. If this had happened at a league game not only would every P. H. S. player have been fined enough to use up the whole of their season's salary, but the game would have been given to the T. R. team.

Now the Three Rivers B. B. Club stands ready at any time to play the P. H. S. B. B. Club on any grounds except the Three Rivers or P. H. S. Club grounds for fun, money or marbles.

F. E. HIGGINS, Manager T. R. B. B. C.

The Eagle Athletic Club ball team of Palmer defeated the Moonshiners last Saturday afternoon by the score of 10 to 4 The feature of the game was the pitching of Holdsworth.

The Orioles went to Palmer Center Saturday afternoon and played an exciting 11-inning game with the team of that community, in which the Orioles were the victors, 28 to 27. The winning run was made after two men were out in the last of the 11th inning.

MAKING A HOT BED.

Every farmer should have at least half-a-dozen sash to furnish a supply of early vegetables for his family. There is yet time to grow plants and April is the best time for the novice to begin hothed management.

First, provide fresh horse-manure, and add to this, if they can be had, one-third to one-half of its bulk of leaves. Mix thoroughly, tramping the mass in successive layers, and form it to a large pile, so that fermentation will proceed, even in cold weather. In two or three days fermentation will be apparent by the escape of steam. Turn again, and allow the heap to remain two or three days longer, or until the second fermentation commences. Make an excavation or pit 2½ feet deep, and of a size suited to the number of plants required. It should be made in some dry, sheltered spot, facing south or east, if possible.

Hothed sashes are usually 6x3 feet, and one sash will generally give early plants enough of a kind for a large family. The frame for sashes should be 10 inches high at the back and 12 inches in front, which will give the proper slope to catch the sunlight. Cross-pieces should be placed for the sashes to slide on, to facilitate opening and shutting the frames. When everything is ready, the manure is placed in the pit and trodden firmly in layers to the required depth, 2 to 2½ feet. Then put on the sashes, and keep the pit closed until the heat rises. At first it will probably be 100 degrees or more, which is too hot to sow the seed in; but in two or three days it will subside to 90 degrees or a little less, when the soil may be put on to the depth of 6 to 8 inches The heat may be readily ascertained by plunging a thermometer in the manure.

The soil should be well-rotted sod (or common garden soil will do), mixed with about a third of fine, old manure, and in this the seeds may be sown thinly in drills 2 to 3 inches apart, and afterwards (as soon as out of the seed-leaf) either thinned out or else transplanted to another frame. Air must be given every mild day by raising the sashes at the back. Water with tepid water whenever necessary, and during cold nights keep covered with straw mats or broad shutters. Tomatoes, peppers and egg-plants should be sown in a separate frame from the cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce, as they require more heat than the latter. The same directions may apply to hotbeds made on the surface of the ground, except that the manure should be at least a foot wider on all sides than the frame.

WORDS THAT TROUBLE THE TONGUE.

Driuniaidhvickhillichattan is the name of a small hamlet in the Isle of Mull containing not more than a dozen inhabitants. How they pronounce it is a mystery only to be solved by some one acquainted with Gaelic, but the fact that the Scots are a nation of a few words seems easy to explain, if they have many such words as the above in their language.

A sample of Welsh nomenclature is Mynyddywllu, which is the name of a parish close to Cardiff, whilst another of the same kind is Llanfairpwllgwngyll.

Perhaps, however, the Germans may be fairly said to carry off the palm in word-coining. How is this for a specimen—Constaninopellscherdudlelsackpfeifer? or this one, Jungfranenzimmerdurchschwindersuchtoedungs?

The first means a Constantinopolitan bagpipe-player, and the last is the name of a young ladies' club which adorns the brass plate of the door of a house in Cologne to this day.

Rabelais gives the following name to a particular book which was supposed to be in the library of Pantagruel's medical student friend Victor—"Antipericatametanaparbeugedanptecrihrationes Toordicantium;" whilst Anantachaturdasivratakatha is an actual Sanscrit word to be found in any Sanscrit dictionary, and the word Clunistarldysarchedes occurs in the works of Plautus, the Latin comedy writer.—*Harper's Round Table.*

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind, "*Sun*," writes; "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down could not eat nor digest food, had a back ache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Get a bottle of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; G. L. Keeney, Monson; F. A. Spencer, Ware.

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CONGRESSMEN AND BRIBES.

A man who has been defeated for reelection is not in a fit frame of mind to legislate for his people. There is a sting in defeat that tends to engender the feeling of resentment which often finds expression in the vote of such members against wholesome legislation. That same feeling often produces such a want of interest in proceedings as to cause the member to be absent nearly all the second session.

Congressmen are not usually men of means Their congressional career has resulted in the destruction of their clientage or business. To a defeated member who has relied upon his salary for support the future looks dark and gloomy. It is then some are open to propositions which they would never think of entertaining if they were to go before the people for reelection. It is then that the attorneyship of some corporation is often tendered and a vote is afterward found in the record in favor of legislation of a general or special character favoring the corporation. If an affirmative vote cannot be had, it is often just as important that the member should be absent. If there is ever a time in the history of the man when he will directly or indirectly accept a bribe, it is then. There is less chance of detection. He is no longer a political factor. His political enemies no longer watch his course. The opposition newspapers no longer criticise his conduct—"the secret is his own and it is safe."

There are many upright men in congress who would not be influenced by defeat. But in as large a body as the house of representatives there must always be some who would yield to temptation. It is a fact that nearly all, if not all, of the legislation that is claimed to have been passed by corrupt influences was enacted during these second regular sessions of congress.—*Hon. J. F. Shafroth, in North American Review.*

ABUSE OF THE EYESIGHT.

In the waiting room of an uptown physician sat, one morning, a dozen persons trying to read. The windows were draped with heavy lace curtains, the dull yellow shades were drawn to within a yard of the bottom of the long windows, and as the day was cloudy the light in the room was a very subdued twilight. Finally a later comer had the courage—it required some, everything was so very quiet and irreproachable—to go to the hall and ask the dress-suited door opener to come and raise the shades. This he at once did and turned on as well the electric lights in the back part of the room, to the great betterment of the reading light. Which little incident is cited to emphasize what an oculist characterizes as the reckless abuse of the eyesight which in these days has assumed the proportions of an evil.

"On street and railway cars, in libraries, schools, offices, homes, everywhere, eyes are unnecessarily tried," he says, "with the result that half the world is in glasses years before the need should arise. It is so usual a thing now for persons to be afflicted with ocular headaches, that when a physician's advice is sought for a persistent and unexplained headache the patient is first turned over to an oculist. Nine times out of ten defective vision sufficient to produce the disturbance is found, and seven times out of ten the sufferer is the victim of his own want of care in the use of his eyes. Women are frequent sinners in this respect; they protect their complexions in every possible way, while to the delicate organ of sight they give never a thought till the mischief is done."—*New York Post.*

THE WAY OUT OF IT.—A hater of tobacco once asked an old negress, who was addicted to the pipe, if she thought she was a Christian.

"I 'spects I is," was the reply.

"Do you expect to go to heaven?"

"Yes, indeedy."

"But the Bible says nothing unclean shall enter there. Now the breath of a smoker is unclean. What do you say to that?"

"Well, I reckon I leave m' hef' behin' when I enters dar."—*Washington Times.*

She: "John will you get up and light the fire?" He: "Maria, don't keep making incendiary speeches."—*The Angelus.*

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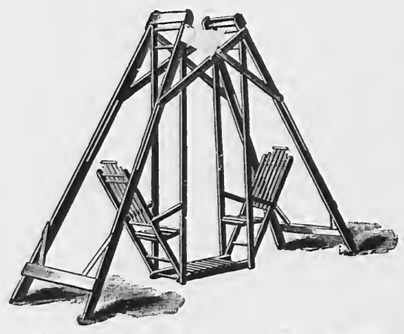

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As a cake on an ice-cold griddle,
There will come a time when his spinal cord
Will break at the temperate zone,
And you'll wonder how the man can afford
Such a liberal slack of bone.

Just take him in! What a fright thing
He seems in a quiet pose!
Like the center-pole in a circus ring,
Or a scarecrow waiting for crows!
Like a marble bust, or a tufa crust
Stuck up in a solemn place
Is the chap that soon will his jug'lar thrust
O'er the wing of the double bass.

Ha, ha! The maestro's baton taps,
There's a stir in the broadcloth seam,
The hinge of the spinal column snaps
And crooketh the elbow-beam:
Anon there glides a giant bow
O'er the fiddle's big abdomen,
And the overture, in its easy flow,
Seems only a pleasant omen.

But mark! There's an obligato called
With an accellerando spirt,
And the way that bridge of size is mauled
Imperils the old man's shirt,
For he dives down over the bulging breast
Of his ten foot violin
And saws, and saws at the tough old chest
Till you'd think he'd cave it in.

Then he wags his bow with a jerk and a squeak
Through a rising agitato,
And the off-hand seats up the wire-bound peak
Like a bee-stung Thomas-cat O!
The ague tackles his every limb,
And seams give way in his jacket,
And—well, if you'd live to note his vim
At the grand finale's racket,

You'd say, as you saw his brisk coat tails
In a meteoric spatter,
And his whole anatomy whizz like flails
In an old-time threshing patter,
"There isn't a man in the world, I vow,
Or in t'other orbs of space,
That earns his bread by the sweat of his brow
Like the man of the double bass."

Wade Whipple.

FOUND AT DRURY'S BLUFF.

"Phil, my boy, wish me good luck! I'm going to ask Mildred Graves to marry me before I go."

My God! I wish him luck in winning the woman who was all the world to me! The one woman whom I had loved from my boyhood's days! All the savage in my nature was aroused into fury at the thought that he dared to aspire to what was mine, by the right of long years of devotion. I could have throttled him as he stood there—so handsome and debonair—so self-reliant and confident of success.

Yet what claims had I upon her affections? The hot blood grew cold; my fierce wrath died out. How could I be sure she might not love him best? Was he not finer-looking, more agreeable than I, a man in every respect better calculated to win a girl's fancy?

Mildred and I had been friends from our school days, the most intimate friends; and on my part that friendship had grown into a part of life itself. I had no hopes, no ambitions, which had not her happiness for their object. Yet no word or token of love had passed between us. I was shy and reticent on this one subject that lay so near my heart. I shrank from declaring myself her lover, doubtless feeling that if she could not return my love, I should destroy forever our friendly relations.

So matters stood between us, when she was twenty, and I twenty-one, in the fall of '60 when Carl Maxam came to our village. He and I were associated in business and soon became friends, as friendly intimacy goes between men. He was five years my senior, and had read and travelled much, and had acquired the ease and polish of a man of the world, while I was shy and reticent in society. I felt that he had every advantage in his favor, in his intercourse with Mildred, but until to-day I had never had a jealous feeling.

In the spring of '61 came the fall of Sumpter, and the declaration of war. We both enlisted, though in different regiments, and were ready to leave for Washington. We had returned to our homes for the final leavetakings with friends, I in my plain suit with only a sergeant's chevrons on my sleeve, he in gilt epaulettes of a lieutenant, looking handsomer than ever in his fine uniform.

On the morrow we were to rejoin our regiments, and on this last afternoon had met for a final friendly chat. We had talked on other matters of mutual interest and at the last moment, as we stood at the gate, he had said:

"And now comes the toughest part of it. I'm going to ask Mildred Graves to marry me before I go. Phil, my boy, wish me good luck, can't you?"

Filled with surprise and anger I could make no reply; but it passed unnoticed as he went on without looking at me. "I have been half in love with her ever since I first met her, and long ago decided she should be my wife if I ever got ready to marry, that is, of course," with a nervous laugh, "if she'd have me I don't know, she always seemed to like me, and I fancy I've the inside track there; at all events I'm going to make sure; I'm not going off for a year or two and leave her for some other fellow to win. If she'll promise to marry me, I can trust her to wait my return, if it were ever so long."

At that moment, to my great relief, the captain of his company drove by and stopped to take Carl in.

"Well, good-by, old fellow, hope to see you later," and with a wave of his hand he was gone.

"He shall never have her," I said savagely to myself, as he was driving away; "at least, I will know first if there is any chance for me," and I hurried off to Mildred's home.

But when once in her presence—fool that I was—I talked of everything else, past, present and future, all save the one subject that lay nearest my heart; my tongue seemed tied whenever I approached that.

A half-hour passed, other visitors came, and I rose to leave. Mildred followed me to the gate.

"I shall miss you so much," she said, as she held out her hand at parting. There were tears in her eyes and a tremor in her voice. My heart leaped; surely she must love me a little, and the words I had tried so hard to utter came to my lips; but she added, "you have always been as a brother to me," and I felt as if a cup of cold water had been dashed in my face.

Ah, yes, a brother! she had never thought of me as a lover; could I declare myself one and lose all this friendly regard? I hesitated—others joined us, and the opportunity to speak was lost forever. I said "good-by," and went home, inwardly raging at my own stupidity.

"But perhaps it is better so," I thought at last; "she would remember me as a friend, love me as such, which as a rejected lover, she could never do."

Then I thought of all her kindness during the long years of our intimate friendship; might it not be possible that underneath all this sisterly regard, there might lie the germs of a deeper love? And could I not awaken it to life by long and careful wooing? I would be so patient if there were only one spark of hope that she would ever love me. I would, like Jacob of old, serve seven years, oh, so willingly, could I but win her. Was I not a coward, after all, to yield my one chance of success to another, by not putting my fate to the test?

Under the influence of this feeling, I dashed off an ardent, impulsive letter. All the love I could never speak, found expression now.

"Can you not, dearest Millie," I concluded, "find down deep in your heart, underneath all this sisterly regard you have given me, one spark of something dearer, sweeter than a sister's love? Will you not give me just one word of hope that in time, you may learn to love me better than a brother or friend?"

I sent the letter by a sure messenger, and waited impatiently for a reply. Now it was done and I had risked all on one throw of the dice, I felt all the gambler's unrest. My blood was alternately at fever heat or ice cold. The moments seemed hours. Hope and fear alternately held sway, until I could scarcely endure the suspense. At last the answer came. Hurrying to my room, I tore open the envelope. There in Millie's handwriting, I had learned to love so well, were the words: "Dear Friend;" a cold hand seemed to clutch my heart as I read: "Your letter was a great surprise to me. I have always regarded you as a friend, and as such you will ever have my highest esteem, but my love has long been given to another. Forgive me if I give you pain by this avowal, and I pray God may bless and keep you, in the danger into which you are going. Sincerely your friend, Mildred Graves."

The letter fell from my hands, my head dropped upon the table beside me. The worst had come! All the hopes and fears, the sweet dreams of a lifetime were over. Carl had won her, and I had lost all that made life endurable.

The memory of every hour of sweet companionship—every gracious smile she had ever given me—every kindly word, came back with redoubled sweetness, now that she was lost to me forever. Through all the years of youth and manhood, she had been interwoven with every hope and plan; it seemed like giving up life itself to lose her. But it was over now, over forever! If I met her again it must be as the betrothed, or the wife of another.

Could I live and bear that! Thank God! I could go away in a few hours, and perhaps death on the battlefield would end all this dreary heart-loneliness.

On the morrow I rejoined my regiment, and within twenty-four hours we were marched to the front.

In the change from home to the stirring scenes of army life, I tried to forget; but by the camp fire, on lonely picket duty, or in the rush and roar of battle, thoughts of Mildred would intrude. I shrank no exposure, feared no danger. Men called me brave; I was simply reckless. I had no dread of death; why should I have? Life had lost all charm for me.

Months rolled away, one, two nearly three years passed. I never heard from Mildred, except an occasional word in my mother's letters. She was still unmarried. I did not wonder at this, for I knew Carl was still in the army, and frequently near me. But I never sought him, even when our regiments were side by side. I no longer felt hatred toward him—I could not do that, if Mildred loved him; but I had not reached a point where I could meet him calmly, and I preferred not to see him at all; and, strange as it seemed to me at times, he never sought me.

Step by step I advanced in rank, until, when the battle of Drury's Bluff was fought, I held a captain's commission.

All night we had lain on our arms, and with the first gray dawn the enemy were upon us. Our regiment was in the thickest of the fight.

Again and again the Confederates hurled their forces against us, and were met by the fiercest resistance of our men. Charge succeeded charge, volley returned volley, repulse followed repulse; backward and forward surged the huge columns of men; broken, rallying, retreating, advancing, cheering for victory one moment, and beaten back by the foe the next.

Every cartridge box had been emptied and more than one half of our regiment had melted away in dead, wounded and missing. We knew we were being driven foot by foot by our brave and desperate foe, and if a break should come, they would pour through the breach.

Just at that moment help came to us, a battery withdrawn from another part of the field came galloping to our relief. Over hedges and ditches, through clumps and bushes they dashed, every driver urging on his team. The guns leaped from the ground as the wheels struck stones and logs, but not a horse slackened his pace, or a driver lost his seat.

In another moment the battery was in position, the horses hurried away and the ammunition chests opened; and the next, a murderous fire was opened upon the enemy.

For the first time that morning our weary and broken brigade had a moment's rest. We received a fresh supply of ammunition and, forming in line of battle, lay down behind the guns.

The ground shook and trembled around us by the mighty concussion. The enemy pressed forward to capture the battery, we could hear their shouts as they formed for a bayonet charge, and saw the grape and canister mow great swaths in their ranks. Men were literally torn in pieces, and headless bodies and torn limbs were hurling through the air in that awful charge. But through it all they still pressed on, closing up the ranks as the dead fell. There were shrieks and screams and shouts mingling in one steady and awful cry with the roar of great guns, belching death into their ranks.

At last one-half of the gunners were down, and the enemy rushed in among the guns. Our men sprang to the rescue, and with a well-directed bayonet charge forced back the broken ranks of the foe.

The field was ours, but at what a fearful cost! The dead, the wounded, the dying lay in heaps. The wheels of the guns could not be moved until the windrows of dead were removed. Rapidly and carefully as possible we made room for the battery to pass. There were few wounded, nearly all were killed outright. Carefully we removed those few and bore them to the hospital tent in the rear. I was directing my men in the work, when suddenly from among the piles of dead, a face was upturned, a face I knew only too well. Carl Maxam and I had met at last.

He was horribly mangled, and I saw he could only live a few moments unless the flow of blood was checked. For an instant the thought flashed across my brain, "If he died Millie would be free!" But I crushed back the traitorous thought, and hastily improvising tourniquets I stopped the bleeding arteries as best I could, and, with the help of one of my men, bore him to the hospital tent.

He opened his eyes as we laid him down. One glance and I knew I was recognized. He raised his hand feebly, and tried to reach his breast pocket.

"A package—my pocket—" he gasped.

I slipped my hand into an inside breast pocket and drew forth a small package, carefully enclosed.

"Mildred," he said, with great effort, looking at me wistfully, and vainly trying to say more. His lips moved for a moment but no sound came from them; then the jaws relaxed, an ashen pallor spread over his face, and with a few short gasps he was dead.

I placed the package in my breast pocket, and just at that moment the call sounded to re-form in line of battle, and we were hurried away to another part of the field. In half an hour we were again in the thickest of the fight.

At the first charge a ball passed through my leg, and the battle of Drury's Bluff was over for me, and the war, also, it proved, for after several weeks in the hospital I was discharged from the service, and returned home.

All this time I had carefully kept the package Carl had given me. I had a morbid desire to give it to Mildred in person, and waited my return home, which I knew from the first must soon come.

The day after my return I lay on the large, old-fashioned lounge in the living room of my father's house when Mildred came to me. Wan and wasted with suffering, with one leg gone, I was scarcely more than the wreck of my former self.

She had changed almost as much as I; all the girlish freshness and bloom had faded, and the grave, quiet manner seemed more befitting a woman of fifty than a girl of twenty-three; yet to me she seemed dearer and sweeter than ever.

"I'm so glad to see you home once more!" she said, as she grasped my outstretched hand.

There were tears in her eyes, and her voice trembled.

How good it seemed to look into her face, to hear the sound of her voice, and feel the pressure of her hand once more!

Could she—could she care for me, now Carl was dead? I found myself so eager, even now, for her love, that I would only be too thankful for even a small part of what she had given him.

But Carl's letter must be delivered first, though it might be the means of separating us still more widely.

After a few mutual inquiries and replies, I drew the package from my pocket.

"I found Carl on the battlefield of Drury's Bluff, and he gave me this for you as he was dying," I said holding it out to her, and immediately turning away my head that I might not see her emotion.

"For me?" she said in tones of surprise. "I don't understand."

"It probably explains itself," I said, wondering why she should think it strange that Carl should send a dying message to her.

I heard the rustle of the paper as she undid the package, and in another instant, with a strange cry, she dropped on her knees beside the lounge.

"Oh Philip, Philip! what does it mean?" she said, her face as white as the letter she held out to me with trembling hands.

I took it, the first line brought me to a sitting position, with an astonishment great as her own. I read in her handwriting the words:

"Dear Phil—There is no need that you should teach me to love you. I learned that lesson long ago. You have been the dearest of all the world to me since our childhood's days. Come to me at eight this evening and you will find

Your own love, MILLIE."

Faint and giddy with the surging tide of emotion that swept over me, I caught both her hands in mine.

"You wrote that, Millie, wrote it to me?" I said, scarcely believing such good news true.

"I wrote it in answer to your letter the day you went away; and you never came—I heard nothing from you until you were gone next day. I could not understand it."

"But I received an answer," I said in bewilderment; "you wrote you never thought of me except as a friend—that you loved another."

"Oh, no, no! I wrote that to Carl in answer to one I received from him at almost the same time as yours. And I must have enclosed them in the wrong envelopes. O Philip, to think of all these years of sorrow to us both, for such a stupid mistake! How can you ever forgive me?"

"There is nothing to forgive, if you only love me now," I said eagerly.

"I never loved any one else, I never could; you seemed a part of my life, and I've been so wretched, so very wretched! It's like heaven itself to have you back once more!"

"Oh, thank God! thank God!" was all I could say as I caught her in my arms. Oh, the delirious joy of the moment, after all those years of sorrow, to know she loved me, had always loved me; could heaven hold any rapture to equal this?

All the wretchedness of the past seemed to vanish as a dream, in the glad joy of the present. Then, suddenly there came a reaction of feeling. What was I now? Broken in health, crippled, helpless! What woman would take such a wreck of manhood as I?

"O Millie, darling!" I said despairingly, "I've loved you, God only knows how well, but, I'm only a wreck at best; I cannot ask you to marry me now."

"You need not ask me at all," she said archly, between smiles and tears. "I shall take you anyway. O Phil, you cannot think I love you less for this? So long as there is enough of the body to hold the heart of my dear old Philip you'll be just the same to me. No, not the same, but a hundred fold dearer for all you have suffered. You will be strong and well soon, dear, and your lost leg is an honor, not a blemish. You lost it in defense of your country, and I'm proud of it, far prouder than I ever could have been had you stayed at home and remained unscathed."

Was not this the acme of all earthly joy? Shall I shame my manhood when I say the tears were running down my face, as I caught the dear girl to my heart, and thanked God for such a treasure.

After our emotions had calmed down, somewhat, we examined the package more closely, and found a letter from Carl telling how he had received the note in answer to his letter, that he had rightly conjectured that in her agitation, Millie had misdirected the envelopes, that his must have been a rejection, and had been sent me. In his chagrin and disappointment that I had been preferred to him, he had kept the note, hoping that the one sent me might have no name in it, and thinking I had been rejected I would leave without an explanation. Then followed an account of the upbraidings of conscience, the striving of his better nature, until he had written this explanation to give me, in case of our meeting or of his death.

"I have been a coward and a villain," he wrote in conclusion, "not to have returned the note long ago. I cannot hope for your forgiveness."

But in the supreme happiness of our reunion we could find no room in our hearts for enmity toward the dead, even though he had wronged us so bitterly.—*Philip Jarvis, for the Yankee Blade.*

"Mrs. Chink has hit on a plan to keep her husband from smoking in the parlor." "What did she do?" "She hung the portraits of her three former husbands there."—*Chicago Record.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1897.

THE BICYCLE ROAD RACE.

Some Good Riding Done. Good Weather and a Big Crowd

The bicycle road race was held last Saturday afternoon and was a complete success in every way. The rain of the few previous days had hardened the otherwise sandy roads and placed the 12½ mile course in excellent condition. Nearly everybody who could possibly get away, including the lame, the halt and the blind, were present. The streets were lined with humanity manifesting unusual interest in the result, and from all appearances, greatly enjoying the race. It is estimated that nearly one thousand people witnessed it. Much of the interest was centered on two riders, Knowlton and Wells. Several weeks ago on the return of the bicycle run to Monson, which was sort of an informal road race, these two riders had a closely contested tilt. At the finish there was hardly any perceptible difference between them, but on the authority of several who stood near the line, Knowlton was declared the winner by a small margin. Consequently the work of these two riders was watched with much interest. All the riders entered, with two exceptions, started, and eleven finished, fortunately a number equal to that of the prizes offered.

The start was made in front of the Converse House. D. McGrath of Palmer and Elwin Hayes of Bondsville were given the limit of four minutes and started off at a fast clip. W. F. Gaffney and W. H. Doyle of Palmer followed thirty seconds behind. Percy Butterfield and Thomas Russell of Bondsville started 45 seconds later, and were followed by Walter Richie of Three Rivers and Frank Cook of Palmer in 15 seconds. A. J. Adams, Joe A. Palmer of Palmer and H. C. Reade of Forest Lake then started 30 seconds later, followed by J. Arthur Wells in 45 seconds. J. Moriarty of Bondsville and Charles Cofran of Three Rivers left fifteen seconds later, and then after four great, big minutes had been ticked off the watch since the limit men had started, W. J. Knowlton, the scratch man and easily the favorite, was allowed to proceed. Like a ball from the mouth of a cannon he sped away, getting down to work at once to overtake the leaders, who were now well on their way to the village of the many rivers. The speedy and direct manner in which Knowlton got away was noticed by many in contrast to the "wibbly-wabbly" start of several. The crowd now moved to the corner of Thorndike and Main streets to see the riders on the return to this village to complete the circle of the streets and then make their final trip to Three Rivers and back. Soon it was announced that a rider was coming down North Main. All eyes were turned thither and saw McGrath, one of the limit men, coming down the street at good speed. The spectators warned him that he could not turn the corner while going so fast, but he slackened not his speed and attempted to turn. Down he went on the macadam road and scraped about four square inches of epidermis off his left knee. His wheel was uninjured and in a second he was up again and pluckily continued. Following close behind came Gaffney, Doyle, and Hayes, followed closely by Butterfield and Palmer. Then right in their wake came another bunch including Reade, Wells, Cook and Knowlton. Knowlton had pumped hard and passed the one minute men near the French Catholic church in Three Rivers, and was now up with the two and three-minute men, clinging close to Wells's wheel. Stringing along after these came Russell, Moriarty, Cofran, Ritchie and Adams. When the riders passed through Main street their positions were somewhat changed. McGrath still lead, followed by Gaffney and Doyle. Butterfield had passed Hayes and Reade had passed Palmer. Knowlton, too, had advanced his position, for as he came through Main he was leading Wells, who had hitched onto his rear wheel, determined to follow him. He had also passed Palmer and Cook. Then came Russell, Moriarty, Cofran and Ritchie, who dropped out up North Main, and then came Adams, bringing up the rear. The crowd then moved to North Main, in front of G. E. Buck's residence, where the finish was. They had not long to wait. Soon a rider in red appeared around the corner of the Point of Rocks. "Knowlton, Knowlton," was the cry, and soon he pushed his red-rimmed Warwick across the tape, a winner, amid the cheers of the crowd. Young Gaffney, who has not been riding a wheel very long and was in his maiden race, followed quite a little distance behind. McGrath, another novice, rode a plucky race. With Wells he come in neck and neck, and by a beautiful spurt crossed the line half a wheel ahead. It was a magnificent finish. Wells was somewhat handicapped by striking a man just before he reached the tape. The remaining seven riders who finished crossed the tape singly, their arrival being devoid of any excitement. Adams was the last man in. Knowlton thus won the first prize and also the time prize. Gaffney, although be finished second, was fourht in time, Wells making the second best time.

As usual, the small boys and some of the men, who on such occasions are always "smaller boys" than the young lads, got in the way and had to be constantly told to keep back. At the finish they crowded almost onto the riders, and while their interference did not materially effect the position of any of the racers, still it was quite embarrasing to them. On the last trip to Three Rivers, Knowlton led Wells as they passed through here to Three Rivers. In going down the incline in front of the post office Knowlton bent over the handle bars, put on a little steam and fairly flew down the hill. Wells could not follow at such speed and Hayes, Butterfield and Doyle were also passed on the hill in his rapid flight. This effort was witnessed by a large number of people and was loudly applauded. Knowlton kept up his gait and near the crossing of the Palmer road over the New London Northern railroad just out of Three Rivers he passed McGrath and Gaffney, who were leading, and retained the lead to the finish. Moriarty of Bondsville did not come up to the expectations of his friends. He is a strong rider, but was not given the best of a handicap, owing no doubt to the fact that his friends were betting that he would take first and the time prize, which fact discouraged him and he dropped out after making the first circuit. The above are pictures of the start, and the finish of Knowlton, taken by Woodhead, accompanied by very good likenesses of Knowlton, the winner, and Gaffney, the second man home. The following is a summary of the positions at the finish, the time made by each man, and the prizes won:

	Time.	Prize.
W. J. Knowlton,	37.33 2-5,	Keating wheel
W. F. Gaffney,	41.35,	Suit of clothes.
D. McGrath,	42.24,	$10 in trade.
J. A. Wells,	39.41,	M. & W. tires.
P. Butterfield,	41.19,	$5 in trade.
H. C. Reade,	46.58,	Album.
J. A. Palmer,	45.26,	Photographs.
Edwin Hayes,	50.,	Inkstand.
Frank Cook,	49.12,	Shoes.
W. J. Doyle,	51.,	Toilet case.
A. J. Adams,	50.55,	Cup and saucer.

THE START OF THE BICYCLE ROAD RACE.

KNOWLTON, 1st and time prize. KNOWLTON AT THE FINISH. GAFFNEY, 2d place.

THE TOWN WINS THIS TIME.

A Suit for Damage by Surface Water Decided Against the Plaintiff.

The case of Nicholas Coleman of Three Rivers against the inhabitants of this town, in action of tort, was begun before the civil term of the superior court at Springfield Monday. The case was of unusual interest to the citizens, and the decision was awaited eagerly. The plaintiff claimed that by the construction of a drain on Main street in the village of Three Rivers the surface water is discharged onto land adjacent to his, which belongs to the town, which water overflows on the plaintiff's land, thereby damaging his property. He claimed that a road had been destroyed, his meadow land made less fruitful and less in value, and that certain springs had been polluted. The ad damnum named was $4000. The jury was taken out Monday by Sheriff Studley to view the premises. Thursday the case was resumed and the plaintiff's evidence heard. One witness testified that in his estimation the damage done Coleman's land was about $300, and a little later said he thought the piece of land in question was worth about $250. After the plaintiff's evidence was all in, Judge Lilley ordered a verdict for the town. He cited a case in Lowell, the decision of which was to the effect that a town had the right to empty drain water into its own receptacle, as was such in this case, the town emptying the water on its own land, and if it overflowed on the land of another it was his business to dam it up. He also told the plaintiff that if he had proved all he had attempted to, he would not have made out a good case against the town. Carroll & McClintock were for the plaintiff, and Representative Kenefick looked after the town's interests. It is understood that several other suits of a similar nature were waiting the outcome of this one, and they will probably not come to trial now.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Programmes to be Rendered by the Several Schools Next Friday.

Following the custom inaugurated by the school committee last year, the pupils of the grammar schools of the town who have successfully completed the prescribed course of study will be graduated next Friday afternoon and receive diplomas which will admit them to the high school without farther examination. The exercises will be held in the school buildings at Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville, and in Memorial Hall in this village, with the following programmes:

PALMER.

Address of Welcome, and Nature Study. Lewis G. Pope.
"One of the Little Ones." Marion D. Hellyar.
Piano Solo. "Caprice Espagnol." (Beaumont) Newton C. Wing.
Composition. "Preparation." George L. Warner.
"Playing Pilot." Helen Jenkins.
Chorus. "The Forest Glee."
"The Fire." William Barrett.
Composition. "Greece." William H. Desmond.
"The Humane Society." Jennie C. Roche.
Piano Solo. "Sixth Nocturne in A." (Seybach) Lewis G. Pope.
"The Mission of the Valentine." Sarah W. Ball.
"The Minstrel." Jennie E. Bray.
Class Prophecy. Newton C. Wing, Helen S. Buck.
Valedictory. "Excelsior." Carrie E. Hoppe.
Presentation of Certificates.
Class Song.

THORNDIKE.

A Trip to the British Isles.
Class Motto—Onward.
Song. "America."
Recitation. "The Voyage." James Hatchinson.
Song. "Come Back to Erin."
Paper. "A Tour through Ireland." Maurice Breen.
Song. "Lakes of Killarney."
Paper. "London." John Murphy
Paper. "English Castles." Daniel Crean
Paper. "English Home Life." Thomas Kennedy.
Violin Solo. "Bluebells of Scotland." George Whiting.
Reading. "Scotland and Its Scenery." Blanche Murdock.
Recitation. Selection from "Lady of the Lake." Agnes Murphy.
Song. "Annie Laurie."
Presentation of certificates.
Song. "Home, Sweet Home."

THREE RIVERS.

Song of Welcome.
Recitation. "The Masterpiece of Brother Felix." Arthur Twogood.
Class Prophecy. Mabel Russell.
Recitation. "The Bell of Atri." Walter Sikes.
Essay. "A Trip Across the United States." Edith Gray.
Song by the school.
Class History. Eva Dunn.
Recitation. "The Polish Boy." Merton Twogood.
Recitation. "Wreck of the Hesperus." Ruth Ruggles.
Class Will. George Moore.
Class Song.
Presentation of diplomas.

BONDSVILLE.

Song of Welcome. School.
Recitation. "Hetty McEwen." Lucy Hamilton Hooper. Marion Vashti Knowlton.
Declamation. "The Palmetto and the Pine." Unknown. Thomas Patrick Lyons.
Song. "In the Glen." School
Recitation. "A Legend of Bregenz." Adelaide Proctor. Anna Lusty.
Declamation. "Wanted." Anson G. Chester. Dennis Daniel Fenton.
Song. "Summer Picture." School.
Declamation. "Death-bed of Benedict Arnold." George Lippard. Thomas Waterhouse.
Song. "Happy Peasants." School.
Recitation. "The Painter of Seville." Susan Wilson. Gertrude Olivine Marsan.
Song. "Onward." School
Declamation. "Mark Twain on the Weather." S. L. Clemens. Fred Kendall Davis.
Graduating Song. School.
Essay. "Class Flower." (The Rose.) Anna Lusty.
Song. "The Rose." School.
Essay. "Class Prophecy." Gertrude Olivine Marsan.
Essay. "Class History." Marion Vashti Knowlton.
Song. "Though We Part." School.
Presentation of diplomas.

The Celebration of the Fourth.

Preparations for the Fourth of July celebration are being made, and there promises to be something more than that which ordinarily happens on that day. The merchants, with a few exceptions, are not disposed to close their places of business all day, but will close at noon and participate in the parade in the morning. The firemen also may hold their annual parade in connection with the one proposed, which would make a very worthy additional feature. All bicyclists of both sexes are urgently invited to participate with decorated wheels and help make a grand bicycle parade. It is assured that there will be an attraction at the park in the afternoon. The park has already been hired and the attraction offered will be novel and interesting. There will be several match races between a horse, wheelman and a runner. The runner will be given a handicap over both horse and wheelman, and the wheelman will be given a handicap over the horse according to their time for a half mile, which will make each race closely contested. These races should prove very attractive. There will also be a bicycle race for the novice riders of Palmer with two prizes, and another novice race for Monson riders. The first three men in each of these two races will then ride for the championship of the two towns. Several other attractions of interest are being planned, and the Fourth promises to be well celebrated.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

PALMER NEWS.

George W. Lyman has been in Connecticut this week on a business trip.

The King's Daughters met at the home of Mrs. H. Carey this afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Dickinson and children are visiting relatives in Mittineague.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hellyar spent a portion of the week in New York city.

Miss Clara Sexton of Springfield was the guest of friends in town this week.

H. G. Loomis, undertaker, has a new wagon for use in his line of business.

C. F. Reed of Springfield has opened a bicycle store in the Nassowanno block.

E. S. Brooks was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Leland of Worcester, Sunday.

Miss Florence Bond of Bondsville was the guest of Miss Lillian Kempton over Sunday.

Frank Thayer has taken a position in the repair department of E. D. Tufts's bicycle store.

A large number of bicyclists attended the bicycle road race at Monson on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Leedham of Reading, Pa., was a guest at the home of W. R. Milligan Saturday.

John P. Sloan of Monson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atwood of Central street.

Palmer lodge, I. O. O. F., attended a memorial service at the Odd Fellows Hall in Monson Sunday afternoon.

Examinations have been held at the high school this week in preparation for the closing of school next Friday.

Miss May Parsons of Springfield was entertained by Miss Mabel Smith at her home on Thorndike street, Sunday.

Miss Mabel Darling of Concord, N. H., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Rollins. Mrs. Taisey is also visiting at the same place.

Michael Healy is suffering from the effects of a badly sprained leg, and is able to be about only with the aid of crutches.

Supt. of Schools W. H. Small attended a meeting of the Headmasters' Club of Western Massachusetts at Greenfield last Saturday.

Miss Grace Rhodes, daughter of William Rhodes, and Frank Tracy of Worcester were married in New Hampshire last week Thursday.

G. A. Moore is working up quite a business in the optician line, and will go to Monson every Wednesday afternoon to the store of G. A. Bills.

Harry Thompson's valuable fox dog, which was lost last September, was found a few days ago in Warren and returned to its rightful owner.

The Wright & Colton wire cloth company is putting in a water pipe from the pond on Overlook farm to their factory near Shearer's Corner.

Miss Della Hastings will give a party to a number of her young friends at her home on Pleasant street this evening, in honor of her 15th birthday.

The house of Frank Kendall, near the town farm, was struck by lightning during the storm of last Sunday, but no material damage was done.

Miss Carrie Tuthill is home from Brown University, having been graduated from that institution this week after having completed the four years' course.

Revere Chapter, Eastern Star, celebrated its fourth anniversary in Masonic Hall last Friday evening with appropriate exercises, which were followed by a collation.

The juveniles who recently gave a circus performance on the vacant lot at the corner of Knox and Pine streets announce another and better performance for the 26th.

The lawn party given by the Christian Endeavor Society on the church lawn last Friday evening was well attended, and quite a little sum of money was realized.

A traveling sign-painter has been in town this week, lettering in a neat and artistic style on the windows of various stores an advertisement of the business carried on within.

The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Baptist church will meet next Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. The subject to be discussed will be "The Indians of the West." A special programme has been arranged.

Clerk of Courts A. E. Fitch and family will spend the month of July at their cottage at Forest Lake Gardens. Mr. Fitch has a sail boat on the lake, and expects to have a glorious time dashing o'er the waves.

The engagement is announced of Arthur Franklin Smith of Palmer and Miss Ida Laura Bolles of Wilbraham, the ceremony to be solemnized at the home of Henry A. Bolles at Wilbraham next Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Atwell of Middletown, Ct., on their wedding trip, were guests of D. H. Fuller at the Weeks House Wednesday night, and the bridal chamber was prettily decorated with wild flowers in their honor.

Miss Ola M. Northrop of Mt. Holyoke College was home a few days this week for a short vacation. Miss Northrop has been chosen as one of three ushers from the freshman class for the senior reception during commencement.

J. H. Pilkinton of Waterbury, Ct., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. E. A. Peck. He has just returned from the Rangley lakes and has on exhibition at McGilp's four handsome trout caught there, the largest weighing four pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holden, who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks, have returned to their home in New York city. During his stay in town Mr. Holden has made frequent fishing trips and brought in several large strings of wily trout.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church will hold a special meeting this evening at 7 o'clock for the election of officers for the next six months. All members of the society are earnestly requested to be present.

Palmer lodge of Odd Fellows held a meeting Wednesday evening and conferred the initiatory degree on one candidate. A visit was also received from a member of Bay Path lodge, Springfield, and from members of the Monson lodge.

Large quantities of gravel have been going east over the Boston and Albany road for several weeks, being used at East Brookfield in a regrading of the tracks. It is taken from the road's recently-purchased gravel bank at Wilbraham.

Children's Day was observed in the Congregational and Baptist churches Sunday. Appropriate sermons were preached by the pastors in the morning, and in the evening enjoyable concerts were given by the Sunday schools, which were well attended.

Charles E. Dewey is serving as foreman of the first jury at the civil session of the superior court in Springfield. In the case of Coleman vs. the town of Palmer, Mr. Dewey's place was taken by another juror, he not being allowed to serve on account of being a Palmer man.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "The revelation of heart purity." In the evening the Men's Sunday Evening Club will hold a service with "Moses" as the subject. There will be two papers by members of the club, and an address by the pastor.

Dr. S. B. Keith has made arrangements for the opening of a dental office in Greenville, N. H., about the first of next month. Dr. Keith is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. He has many friends here who will wish him success in his new location for the practice of his profession.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. C. R. Minard will take for his topic, "The Surrendered Life." In the evening at 6 o'clock Miss Sarah J. Owens, a teacher for several years in Southern schools, will speak on "Life among the Plantations." Miss Owens is an interesting speaker, and all are invited to hear her.

A match race between Knowlton, the winner of the Palmer road race, and Entwistle, winner of the Monson race, is being talked up. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to bring them together, as nothing would be more interesting to local wheelman than a trial of speed between these fast road racers.

John Daggett has presented the Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church a crayon portrait of Rev. C. R. Minard, pastor of the church. The gift was a complete surprise to the class. The class is also making arrangements for a crayon portrait of Rev. A. W. Weeks, a former pastor, which will be hung beside that of Mr. Minard's.

Selectman Brainerd witnessed an unusual sight last Tuesday morning while driving near Whipple's bridge, when a little way ahead in the road he saw a deer. The animal appeared quite tame, but when Mr. Brainerd approached near it dashed away across the fields. It is thought to be the same one that was sighted in Monson recently.

William Sullivan, better known as "Sully," sprained his ankle Wednesday, which unfortunate accident necessitated his absence from school several days this week, much to his displeasure. His comrade, "the goat," has also been very much grieved at the accident as it has been unable to make the customary rounds after "swinine" edibles.

Miss Faunce, who has taught chemistry in the high school for the past year, will go next year to the Erasmus Hall high school in Brooklyn, N. Y., as a teacher of mathematics, at a largely increased salary. Miss Faunce has given the best of satisfaction with her work here and is very popular with the pupils of the school, as well as with all who knew her, and there are many who will regret her departure.

A road race between Palmer and Monson bicyclists is being talked up, and will very likely be held in the near future. As neither town's riders would care to race wholly in the other town it is suggested that the course between the towns be gone over three times, the start being in one town and the finish in the other. This would give each town two views of the race, one the start and one turn, the other one turn and the finish, and make the course about 13 miles.

The Once-a-Week Club held a meeting at the Converse House last Saturday evening, which was attended by several out-of-town members and invited guests from Springfield, Monson, Boston and New York. One of Landlord Pierce's most elaborate spreads was served, which was followed by interesting speeches by various members and invited guests. Owing to the presence of the large number of guests, the business portion of the meeting was postponed until to-morrow evening.

A pointer dog belonging to a well-known sportsman has recently developed a mania for biting pedestrians as they pass long the street, without any provocation whatever. Last week he bit a little boy and Tuesday evening he bit C. L. Johnson in the hand so severely that it was necessary to have a doctor dress the wound. Wednesday evening he continued his work by fastening his teeth in the leg of Fred Tryon. While the dog is thought to be mad, he is a dangerous animal to have about the streets. He still lives, and some action seems to be called for to protect the safety of the public.

William Rhodes, a carpenter employed by G. W. Lyman on his new house near the Point of Rocks, met with an unfortunate accident yesterday afternoon. Mr. Rhodes was standing upon a horse on the floor in the front room, doing some work overhead. One leg of the horse happened to be resting upon a large knot in a board of the floor, which gave way and let the leg through, throwing Mr. Rhodes to the floor. He struck on his wrist, which was broken, and was otherwise considerably bruised, though not seriously.

Mrs. O. P. Roller is suffering from a sprained ankle acquired last Saturday while watching the road race. She was at the residence of E. H. Truesdell, and in watching the finish stepped off the step and turned her ankle. It wasn't very painful and she thought little of it, going to Springfield on an evening train. Arriving there however her ankle pained her so severely that she was compelled to remain in the station and take the next train home. Dr. Hendee was summoned and announced the sprain a bad one. Mrs. Roller has since been confined to the house.

The agent of E. K. Wilson, of London, Ky., the mail contractor, who was sent on to take the place of J. M. Wilson, Jr., was in town one day this week. He visited Fiskdale but as yet has not let the contract for the carrying of the mail between that town and Palmer. He left town without settling any of the debts contracted by the "Kentuckian gentleman" while sojourning here. He said however that Mr. Wilson was all right and the man he claimed to be. Mr. Wilson is still holding down his job in the "institution of amendment" at Springfield, and a few days ago was suffering from a attack of rheumatism.

Cornelius Harrington, an employe of J. F. Holbrook & Son, unfortunately met with a serious accident last Saturday. He had been riding a horse while cultivating some land across the river, and after the work was completed started to ride home over to the village. The animal became frightened at something and threw Harrington to the ground, cutting his scalp and breaking two ribs. He was removed to his house and attended by a physician. His injuries are painful, though not dangerous. Much sympathy is felt for Harrington, who is a sober, hard-working man, who seems to have more than his share of trouble recently.

An invitation was last week sent to the graduating class of the high school to attend services next Sunday evening at the Union church in Three Rivers, to listen to an address by Rev. A. Lincoln Shear of Springfield. The matter was brought before the class and after being discussed was accepted, the three Catholic members of the class taking no part in the discussion, neither voting for or against accepting the invitation. Later these members made a protest against the acceptance of the invitation as a class, and at a class meeting this morning it was voted to decline to attend as a class. It is understood that Mr. Butler will now issue an invitation to the Protestant members of the class.

Edward Huston, a stranger, was arrested at the depot last Friday evening by Officer Justin for intoxication. He was at first not inclined to accompany the officer to the lockup, and clung to the fence opposite C. E. Fish's house. His hold was quickly broken and then he lay down on the sidewalk, telling the officer that he would have to call for help before he could be landed. But he was brought to his feet by a sudden effort on the part of the officer, and afterwards went along peaceably. In court Saturday morning he was given two months in the house of correction. Daniel Connor of Bondsville also faced the Court on a charge of drunkenness, and was put on probation until July 31st. Monday morning John Carrigan of Palmer appeared for assault on his wife, and his case was continued to July 3d.

Children's Day will be observed in the Universalist church next Sunday. In the evening at 5 o'clock the Sunday school will give a concert with the following programme:

Anthem and Processional.
Song. "Summer Time is Here." School.
Prayer.
Duet. "Sharon's Rose." John and Kate Matthews.
Responsive Reading.
Recitation, Alice Shaw.
Recitation, Annie Barber.
Song. "We will Shine for Christ." Primary classes.
Recitation, Pearl Fish.
Recitation, Five Girls.
Chorus. "In the Field."
Recitation, Sadie Thompson.
Recitation, Little Boys.
Anthem by the choir.
Solo and chorus. "The Unseen City," Pearl Fish and the School.
Recitation, Ella Webster.
Recitation, Maud Helliwell.
Chorus. "The Flower's Message"
Recitation, Helen Ely.
Chorus. "Lead Us, Saviour."
Recitation, Carrie Hoppe.
Chorus. "The Summer Land."
Benediction.

Assaulted by a Man He Had Befriended.

Bryan Rourke had an exciting experience at his home in the east part of the town last Saturday night, when he was assaulted and beaten by John Hoar of Chicopee, while in bed. Hoar had been working for Rourke for two weeks, and Saturday night both went to Thorndike, where they had something to take at Rourke's expense. Hoar evidently noted the size of Bryan's wad, and determined to have it for his own, for after retiring Rourke was suddenly wakened by a blow on the side of the head with a club, and found that his assailant was Hoar. He managed to beat the fellow off and then went to the house of Merrick Sherman, near by, and a doctor was sent for. Rourke's face is a sight to behold, and from the fervency of his language and the evident depth of his feelings the face of the other fellow will not gain anything in the way of picturesqueness should be fall into the clutches of this son of the Emerald Isle.

High School Graduation Programme.

Next week will be commencement week at the Palmer high school. On Wednesday evening the class day exercises will be held on the school lawn, which all are invited to attend. The following programme has been arranged:

President's Address. H. W. Brainerd
Class Will. A. D. Shaw
Class Sermon. R. C. Studley
Quotations. Miss Emma McFarlane
Class Poem. Miss Blanche Hellyar
History, E. H. Powell and Miss Nellie Flunerty
Statistics. Miss Ellen McMahon
Prophecy. C. K. Stone and Miss Katharine Back

Following these exercises at 8 p. m. the alumni of the high school will meet in the high school building for the purpose of forming an alumni association. All the alumni are requested to be present. Friday evening at 8 p. m. the graduation exercises will be held in the opera house, to be followed by the class reception. The following programme has been arranged for the graduation exercises:

Music. Orchestra
Address, "The Citizen and the State." Curtis Galld, Jr., Boston.
Music. Orchestra
Class Song. Written by Miss Blanche Hellyar.
Presentation of Diplomas. Mr. C. E. Fish.
America.

THREE RIVERS.

Keating Bicycles $45, at Tufts', Palmer.

W. O. Twogood is visiting friends in New London this week.

Miss Studd of Ware was the guest of Mrs. Clara Green over Sunday.

Mrs. Barnes of Springfield is visiting her son, S. B. Barnes, this week.

O. J. Southland of Springfield was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Barnes last Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a lawn party at Mrs. Jerre Burlingame's next Thursday afternoon.

The Three Rivers ball team played with the Belchertowns last Saturday, winning by a score of 18 to 15.

E. A. Thomas will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday at 10.45 a. m. In the evening this church will unite in the services at the Union church.

Mr. Stone, who has been second-hand in the weaving room of the Palmer Mill for the past eight months, has resigned and gone to Texas as overseer of weaving in a cotton mill.

F. A. Ruggles's seven-years-old daughter Hattie had a narrow escape from serious injury last Saturday evening. While playing in the street she was knocked down by a horse, receiving a few cuts and several bruises, but fortunately escaping serious injury.

BONDSVILLE.

Keating Bicycles $45, at Tufts', Palmer.

Charles Connor and Maggie Connor visited friends in Gardner a few days this week.

Leon E. Ryther of Maine State College returned home Wednesday for the summer vacation.

Charlie Connor has returned from Maine, where he has been playing ball with the Bangor team.

Miss Kitty and Nellie Thomas are spending a few weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas.

Joseph Thomas and S. Dunn of Springfield visited friends here Sunday, making the trip on their wheels.

Miss Ora Parent of Smith College was at her home over Sunday and until Wednesday evening, on the senior vacation.

Phileos Beauregard has opened a store in Carmody's block, and will carry a stock of tobacco and cigars, confectionery and soda.

It is to be hoped that a Bondsville man will be selected to fill the vacancy on the school board, as all the other villages in the town are represented.

A troupe of genuine negro minstrels occupied Liberty Hall a few nights this week, but did not attract very large audiences and left town in a stranded condition.

M. L. Stone of Three Rivers, son of E. F. Stone of this place, will leave next week for Galveston, Texas, where he has accepted a situation with the Galveston Manufacturing Co.

Miss Ellen Kelly, housekeeper for Rev. B. McKenny, is in New York undergoing treatment at a hospital. Mrs. Mills is taking Miss Kelly's place during the latter's absence.

Jerry Shea pitched for the Springfield Reserves against the Mittineague Stars on Hampden Park last Saturday. The Reserves won by the score of 15 to 12. Shea struck out 10 men.

Frank Lamb has been in Boston this week as a witness in the suit which Charles Jones brought against the railroad company for damages sustained by being struck by an engine while crossing the track.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Smith celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage by giving a reception to their friends at the parsonage Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, lemonade and cake. The company was entertained by readings by Miss Murdock of Thorndike, which were very pleasing. Mrs. C. F. Armstrong sang a solo, and Miss Armstrong played the wedding march.

The Children's Day concert given by the M. E. Sunday school Sunday evening was not very largely attended, owing to the stormy weather, but those who were present enjoyed the concert very much. A fine programme was rendered consisting of speaking, dialogues and singing. The church was very prettily decorated with ferns, wild flowers and lillies, each corner being banked with buttercups and daises, making a very pretty effect.

This village has reason to be well pleased with the result of the Palmer road race last Saturday, as four out of the twelve prizes were taken by Bondsville boys, W. J. Knowlton taking first and time prize, and Percy Butterfield and Elwin Hayes taking fifth and eighth prizes respectively. It was not expected that Knowlton would be able to overcome the handicap of the four minutes, and his doing so shows that he is riding faster than ever before. Butterfield deserves considerable credit for the good race he rode, as he was laboring under considerable disadvantage. Friday night he had the misfortune to collide with a team and his wheel was so badly wrecked that he had to get a new one to race on, besides being considerably bruised and lamed. Hayes rode pluckily, finishing the race when other riders much stronger than be dropped out. Considerable was expected of Moriarty by his friends, but be could not get there and dropped out after going around once. A local race for the championship of Bondsville ought to be arranged for some future time.

Runaway Accident.

A serious runaway accident occurred in this village last Saturday morning. Mrs. William Taylor and her son Frank were driving on the lower end of High street and were about opposite their home when the horse become startled and ran. Frank, who was driving, could not hold the horse, so Mrs. Taylor took the reins from him and he jumped from the carriage without sustaining any serious injuries. Mrs. Taylor could not control the horse and after going a short distance was thrown from the carriage, sustaining severe bruises and a fracture of the ankle. Drs. Smith and Bliss were called and attended her injuries, and she is doing as well as could be expected, but will be confined to the house for a long time.

THORNDIKE.

Keating Bicycles $45, at Tufts', Palmer.

The base ball club will play the Wares at Ware to-morrow.

John F. Roche is home from Holy Cross College for a vacation.

Mrs. John Lynch left Monday for a visit with friends in Brooklyn.

It is understood that the Polish inhabitants are soon to organize a brass band.

Some of the elderly ladies were entertained at tea by Mrs. George Moores Wednesday

Mrs. H. E. W. Clark pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Society at her home last Friday.

A Ramsden of Bondsville, who has been ill at the home of his parents here, is recovering rapidly.

The latest additions to the bicycle ranks are Mrs. E. J. Kelley, Henry Chabbot and Alfonse Hallez.

A social dance will be held in Exchange Hall this evening under the management of Nephew & Belare.

The Columbian Band will give an open air concert this evening from the band stand, weather permitting.

A few lovers of music from this place went to Ware on Thursday evening to attend the Mary Howe Concert.

Mrs. Lawrence Meehan and children of Franklin are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. McCarthy.

Mrs. Mary O'Connor and Miss Eliza Sullivan of Worcester have been the guests of Mrs. McManus this week.

The Thorndike Athletic baseball club defeated the O. A. Co. of Three Rivers on Saturday by a score of 10 to 8.

The Thorndike Company is busy at work laying several feet of six-inch drain pipe from their dwellings at the upper end of the village to the river.

Charles L. McCarthy, Jr., is enjoying a vacation of a week with friends in Boston, and upon his return will go to Waterbury, Ct., where he has taken a position.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society will hold a social this evening in the church vestry. Cake and ice cream will be served, followed by a short entertainment. The Juniors extend a cordial invitation to all.

M. Lawlor has moved into his new store this week, and it is one of the finest in the village, having all the latest conveniences. The store is being wired for 14 incandescent lights by the Central Mass. Electric Light Co. of Palmer.

The members of the Sunday school who decorated the church and arranged the programme for Children's Sunday should be congratulated, as the display and arrangment of flowers and ferns was exceptionally fine, and the Sunday school concert of unusual interest.

At a recent business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society Miss Lucy Talmage was chosen president, Miss Annie Bishop vice president, Mrs. Charles Mooers secretary, and Miss Maud Murdock treasurer. afternoon. The two oldest present were aged eighty-six and eighty-seven respectively. A good old-time visit was reported

Birthday Party.

About 40 friends of William Smith, Jr., of Palmer Center, paid him a pleasant visit on Saturday evening at his home, the occasion being his 29th birthday. Dancing, games and music were in order until a late hour. A collation was served about midnight. All present report a delightful time.

Bicycle Road Race and Field Day the 26th.

Arrangements are being made for a road race and field day on Saturday of next week. The bicycle race will be for riders of Thorndike only, the distance about eight miles and the course around the square. There will no doubt be a large number of entries. The prizes will be: First, $15 cash or merchandise; 2d, $10; 3d, $7.50; 4th, bicycle lamp, donated by Buck & Co. of Palmer; 5th, $5 in trade, by E. D. Tufts, Palmer; 6th, silver flask, E. S. Brooks, Palmer; 7th, pair of $3 bicycle shoes, E. Goodes, Palmer; 8th, pair of trousers, C. K. Gamwell, Palmer; 9th, gold fountain pen, F. D. Barton, Palmer. The cash prizes are given by the merchants of Thorndike. The race will be about 3 in the afternoon, and E. D. Tufts of Palmer will start the riders. After the race there will be a ball game on the church grounds between the Thorndikes and some amateur team, propably the Westfields or Spencers. An effort will be made to have the Columbian band give a concert during the afternoon. All entries for the bicycle race must be made to the committee before 5 o'clock next Tuesday evening.

Stokes—Cronin.

A pretty June wedding, the first held thus far this season in Catholic circles, took place on Tuesday at St. Mary's church at 10 a. m., when Anna E., daughter of Mrs. Edward Stokes, one of Thorndikes most popular young ladies, was united in marriage to Mr. Jeremiah Cronin of Warren, a well-known man that town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis J. Lynch, pastor of St. Mary's church, in the presence of a large number of friends. Miss Agnes Viola Stokes, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Richard Sheehan of Palmer was best man. The bride was charming in a gown of cream embroided silk, trimmed with mirror chiffon and cream taffeta ribbon, and carried in her hand a pair of white prayer beads. The bridesmaid was handsomely dressed in white tringelino with trimmings of valencines lace, insertion and ribbon, and carried a bouquet of carnation pinks. The bride's traveling suit was of green sicilian, with taffeta and duchess lace trimmings, and a hat to match. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, which was largely attended. The married couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents, including silverware, glassware, furniture, etc. They departed on the evening train for a tour through York state, and it is expected that they will return this evening, when they will be at home to their friends.

BORN.

At Palmer, 18th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Comer.
At Ludlow, 11th, a son to Albert A. and Ada A. Gove.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
All graduates of the Palmer High School who are interested in the formation of an Alumni Association, will please meet in the high school building Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock. It is very desirable that all attend. "91"

TOWN OF PALMER.
NOTICE.
The selectmen and school committee will hold a joint meeting, Saturday, June 19, at 2.30 p. m., at the school committee rooms, High School Building, to elect a member of the school committee in place of Mr. C. D. Fuller, resigned.

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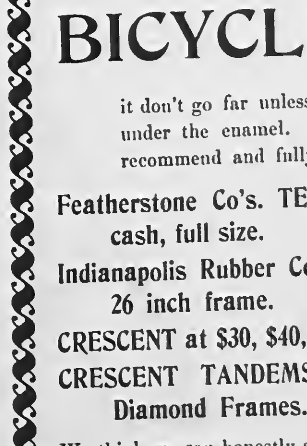

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

THE BICYCLE ROAD RACE.

Good Weather, Good Course, Good Crowd and a Good Race.

The streets were lined with people Tuesday night to witness the most exciting event of the season, the eight mile road race, which was easily won by Charles Entwistle. In spite of the rain in the afternoon the roads were in good condition. The course was nearly as had been arranged by the committee, with the exception of the return, which was made down the Academy hill instead of Washington street. This change was made so that the riders would not come in contact with the 7.25 train from Palmer on their last round. The Monson Cornet Band gave a very pleasant concert and entertained the crowd when the riders were not in sight. There were thirteen staters, an unlucky number. Twelve finished; Dennis Murphy was unable to finish on account of puncturing his tire. The following is the order in which they finished: Charles Entwistle, (scratch), time 25.21, first prize, $10 in trade at W. N. Flynt & Sons store, and a time prize of a bicycle saddle; A. M. Walker, (scratch), 26.07½, $7 in trade with any local merchant; Harry Needham (45 seconds handicap), 26.23½, $5 trade with any local merchant; Frank McKernan, (1.30), bicycle suit; Walter H. Moulton, (1.30), Walter Ballard (1.30), Julius B. Glover (scratch), E. J. Duncan (1.30), John Pendergast (1.30), Charles Welden (scratch), Eddie Bumstead (scratch), Q. H. Ball (1.30). Dennis won the time prize on the first lap, which was a bicycle pump and the Monson *Register* for one year. Some of the prizes given were: Springfield *Republican* for one year, Springfield *Union* one year, Monson *Register* and New York *Tribune*, Palmer JOURNAL, patent leather shoes, cigar case, bicycle shoes, bunch of bananas, bicycle lamp, saddle and $3 in trade at Tufts's bicycle store in Palmer, picture, bicycle standard, shoe blacking outfit, pair of suspenders. Q. H. Ball got the consolation prize, which was a little china pipe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rood are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

The reflectors on the street electric lights are receiving a new coat of white paint.

Fred Bugbee has taken a position as ticket seller at Mountain Park, Holyoke.

R. M. and Theo. Reynolds have a new coal wagon, different from anything before seen in town.

Dotney & Crehore of Chicopee have taken the contract for building the town sidewalks this year.

Almus Anderson is ill at his home in North Monson with an attack of blood poisoning.

The contract for building the No. 2 engine house has been awarded to Frank F. Maguire for $783.69

There will be a social dance in Hibernian Hall to-morrow night, with music by the Monson orchestra.

Mrs. D. G. Green attended the marriage of her niece, Miss Nettie Woodworth, at Springfield Wednesday afternoon.

W. H. Pease has nearly finished moving his green house to the Erastus Gates estate on North Main street, where he will be permanently located.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold an ice cream and cake sociable in the church this evening. There will also be a short free entertainment.

Rev. F. S. Hatch expects to sail next Wednesday morning from Boston on the steamer Cestrain for Liverpool. He will take a cycling tour through Great Britian, returning in August.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Monson Coöperative Creamery Association will be held in Memorial Hall to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to see if the association will raise money by taxation of the stock to pay existing debts.

The little daughter of R. A. Thierfeldt, boss dyer at Heimann & Lichten's straw shop, was run into by a bicyclist Tuesday evening after the road race. The child was badly bruised and had a small cut over the eye which required a few stitches. No blame is attached to the rider.

Frank Williams, brother of Mrs. William Carew, met with quite a serious accident at Worcester last week. He was sawing a board in two with a circular saw when he severed three fingers and the thumb from his left hand. Mr. Williams was for some time employed at R. M. Reynolds's hat shop, and while here gained a large circle of friends.

The Academy alumni gathering will be held in Grand Army hall at the close of the graduation next Tuesday. A lunch will be served by the Woman's Relief Corps, the tickets for same being fifty cents each, which can be obtained by the alumni this week from Thaddeus L. Cushman, secretary of the association. It is intended to make the gathering an informal, social affair.

A special town meeting has been called for Saturday, the 26th, at two o'clock, to see if the town will accept a road as laid out by the selectmen running from Bridge street in a westerly direction to property of the late John Murphy, thence southerly to the Hampden road; and also another road running from Hampden avenue in a southerly direction to a point near the tenement house of R. M. and Theo. Reynolds.

Henry J. Homer, formerly of Monson, the young man who shot John Russell, a restaurant keeper, the night of April 29th in New York city, pleaded guilty of murder in the New York court last Friday, and was sentenced Monday to state prison for life. This is the first case in the history of New York state in which a man has been allowed to plead guilty to this charge. Homer is 19 years old and quite well known in this town, having been employed in Heimann & Lichten's hat factory at one time.

The following pupils are admitted to the Academy without examination because their work through the year has been satisfactory: Walter Naughton, Annie Sweet, Carrie Flynt, Olive Morgan, Raymond Rathburn, Lena Crocker, Lizzie Dillon, Mary Merrick, Grace Meacham, Howard King, Helen Blodgett, Ernest Watson, Winnie Thayer, Esther Robbins, Elsie Blodgett, Morgan Luce, Charles Lain, Homer Squier, Albert Stewart, Jessie Maguire, Elmer King, Lenora Looney, Thaddeus Miller, Lizzie Gallivan, Mary McPherson, June Norcross, Walter Carpenter, Frank Maguire, Louise Place, Perley Aldrich, Esther Beckwith, Alice Carpenter.

The school committee held a special meeting Wednesday and finished the appointments of teachers for the school year commencing August 30. Some changes were necessary on account of the resignations of Miss Converse and Miss Loggie. After receiving her appointment, Miss Converse was offered a better position in Chicopee, which she has accepted. The committee invited Miss Converse to remain here at a larger salary, but this offer came too late. The appointments are as follows: No. 1: Grammar, Miss B. E. Sutcliffe; intermediate, Miss Eva Sutchffe; primary, Miss Esther Stebbins; No 8: Mr. C. L. Jewett; intermediate, Miss J. A. Leary; primary, Miss Gertrude Bennett; No. 15: grammar, Miss M. M. Collis; primary, Miss Lizzie McGuire; No. 2, Colton Hollow, Miss Mabelle Tucker; No. 5, Quarry, Miss Minnie Mollen; No. 6, Munn, Miss Clara Sutcliffe; No. 7, North Monson, Miss Esther Keep; No. 9, Miss Mabelle Watson; No. 12, Miss Elsie Bradway; No. 13, Mrs. S. L. Fairfield. There are two vacancies, at No. 3, Pease, and No. 10, Silver Street. Miss J. V. Cantwell was reappointed teacher of music.

JUNE SHOE SALE!

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WEST WARREN.

The coöperative association held a meeting to-day to see what action will be taken in regard to disposing of its property and closing up its affairs.

Lathrop & Shea, who have the contract for the grading for the new railroad bridge, have a large force of men at work on the job. The gravel is obtained from a bank on the Warren Cotton Mill's land.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. Charles Tarbell and son are visiting friends in Worcester and Providence.

Three civil engineers have arrived in town and are surveying for the proposed state road.

Mrs. Frank Andrews and children of Brooklyn, N. Y., have arrived in town for the summer.

Miss Ida Brown has returned to her home, having been graduated from Miss Seymour's school in Boston.

The commencement exercises of the high school were held this afternoon, and will be followed by a reception this evening.

The fourth annual prize speaking contest of the Hitchcock Free High School was held last evening, in the town hall. As usual a large number were present to hear the speaking, which was very interesting and unusually good. The prizes offered were four $5 gold pieces, given by Fred G. Andrews of Brooklyn, Salem D Charles of Boston, (two) and one by the pupils of the school. The winners were F. A Converse, Andrew MaGill, Agnus W. Monohan and Alice E Whittemore. The judges were Mr and Mrs. F. G. Andrews, Superintendent Robinson of Ware, and Rev. George Weston Davis of Wales.

WALES.

The drama, "Neighbor Jackwood," was played by the young people of the Methodist society Wednesday and Thursday evenings to goodly audiences. The play has been under the care of LeRoy Squier, who took the part of "Neighbor Jackwood." The parts were all well taken, and the audience was delighted with the programme. The Stafford Band furnished music, which was well rendered.

Youthful Burglars.

Two young boys, 10 and 12 years, sons of Fred Gadoury, broke into Fred M. Royce's Wednesday, while he had gone to dinner. The boys had been playing truant from school several days. That day they were in the store when Royce was making ready to go to dinner. He put them out and locked the store, but soon after he had gone Mr. Harwood, who lives opposite the store, noticed two boys hanging around the back side of the store which caused suspicion. When he went there he found one boy inside, handing tobacco, etc., through the window they had taken out, to his brother outside. Two lights of glass and part of the sash had been broken out. Mr Royce sent for the boys' father, and a settlement was arrived at by the boys solemnly promising never again to commit such an offense. The authorities were not satisfied with this arrangement, however, and possibly the law will deal with them. When questioned by Mr. Harwood about their names they said their father was Fred Converse of Stafford.

BELCHERTOWN.

Two fine elm trees in front of the residence of Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman were cut down Tuesday by order of the town authorities, as being too near the sidewalk.

At a business meeting of the Congregational church the following committee were appointed to act with the pastor, Rev. G. H. Newton, in calling a council for his examination preliminary to ordination: C. B. Southick, F. L. Stebbins, D. F. Shumway.

The following is the programme for the graduation exercises of the class of '97 at the Congregational church Monday evening:

Music, March,	Miss N. L. Rice
Invocation,	Rev. George W. Lock
Solo,	Mrs. C. F. Clarke of Ware
Address,	
President Merrill E. Gates of	Amherst College
Solo,	Mrs. C. F. Clarke
Presentation of diplomas,	M. A. Morse
Benediction,	Rev. A. H. Manee

Serious Accident Narrowly Averted.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gould narrowly escaped a serious accident last Saturday evening. Mr. Gould was driving a spirited horse on Main street when the bridle broke, letting the bit out of the horse's mouth. The horse was traveling quite rapidly, but Mr. Gould stepped out on the shaft and endeavored to obtain control of the animal by taking hold of his head. In some way the horse was thrown down and Mrs. Gould thrown from the carriage. It was thought at first that her injuries were serious, but they turned out to be nothing more than severe bruises. Mr. Gould was uninjured.

WILBRAHAM.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Ida Laura Bolles to A. F. Smith of Palmer, at the home of Henry A. Bolles, next Tuesday at 8 p. m.

No services will be held in the First Congregational church next Sunday, owing to the anniversary exercises of Wesleyan Academy at the Methodist church. Rev. Dr. George C. Reed will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the senior class at 10.45 a. m. In the evening Rev. Crandall J. North will preach the alumni sermon.

Wesleyan Academy Field Day.

The field day of the Wesleyan Academy Athletic Association was held on Bolles field Monday afternoon. The track was heavy, but in spite of this fact the school records were broken in the half-mile run, 440-yards dash, 220-yards hurdle, and standing and running broad jumps. Of the 144 points '97 won 62, R. E. Clark winning 25 of these; '98 won 38 points; '00 came third with 24, while '99 won only 20. The summaries follow:

100-yards dash—Won by R. E. Clark, '97; J. Husley, 1900, 2d; time, 10 3-5s.

Pole vault—Won by J. Barry, '97; F. Coote, 1900, 2d; hight, 8ft 5in.

220-yards dash—Won by J. S. Banchelle, '98; W. Rooney, '98, 2d; time, 24 1-10s.

Standing broad jump—Won by R. E. Clark, '98; W. W. Harwood, 2d; distance, 10ft 1½in.

120-yards hurdle—Won by J. F. Banchelle, '98; A. S. Buckley, 2d; time, 21¼s.

Running high jump—Won by R. E. Clark, '97; W. Holford, '97, 2d; hight, 5ft 8in.

Half-mile run—Won by F. S. Bidwell, '97; D. Boutcbelier, '98, 2d; time, 2m 7 3-5s.

Half-mile bicycle—Won by J. Sherman, 1900; C. P. Webber, '97, 2d; time, 1m 12 3-5s.

Putting 16-pound shot—Won by R. E. Clark, '97; A. W. Starker, '99, 2d; distance, 30ft 6in.

440-yards dash—Won by F. S. Bidwell, '97; W. Rooney, '98, 2d; time, 54 4-5s.

Running broad jump—Won by R. E. Clark, '97; W. Rooney, '98, 2d; distance, 19ft.

One-mile run—Won by F. A. Rice, 1900; E. E. Wood, '99, 2d; time, 5m 18s.

220-yards hurdle—Won by J. S. Bushell, '98; W. Rooney, '98, 2d; time, 28 3-10s.

One-mile bicycle—Won by D. M. Williams, '90; J. Sherman, 1900, 2d; time, 2m 35 2-5s.

Throwing 12-pound hammer—Won by W. Crowell, '98; J. Barry, '97, 2d; distance, 88ft 3in.

Two-mile relay—Won by 1900; time, 9m 40s. The team consisting of F. A. Rice, F. Coote, F. M. Langloise, H. W. Thompson.

WARE.

L. M. Drake, teacher of science in the high school, has been offered a position in the Clinton high school at an increased salary, but has not yet accepted it.

The Ludlows defeated the newly-organized ball team on the pumping station grounds Saturday. A large crowd was in attendance, and the game was well played and interesting. Score: Ludlow 6, Ware 4.

The local court of Foresters has elected these officers: C. R., Frazier O'Leary; S. C. R., Carl Bohmiller; R. S., P. J. King; S. W., E. J. Laporte; J. W., M. H. Fitzgerald; S. B., John Gleason; J. B., C. Fitzgerald.

A heavy thunder storm visited the town Monday. Hailstones of unusually large size fell, breaking windows, and branches were blown from the trees. The rain fell in torrents and deluged the streets.

Ware is to have a new school superintendent. Dr. F. E. Spaulding, superintendent for the past year, will retire from the position with the closing of the present school year. Stanley H. Holmes of Gardner will succeed him. Mr. Holmes is a graduate of Colby University and for the past seven years has been superintendent of the Grafton public schools.

An important change has been effected in relation to the Ware post office as a result of the annual classification of offices by the post office department at Washington, which relegates the office from the second class to the third. The class of the office is determined by the amount of business transacted, and Ware has fallen behind, owing to the dullness in the manufacturing business.

The high school graduating exercises will be held in the town hall next Thursday, the graduating class numbering ten, eight, girls and two boys. Their names are: Lillian Louise Brown, Eliza Arimetha Gould, Mabel Lillian Harlow, Eliza Smith, Albert P. Cheevers, James F. McManns, Hermione Taylor Wilson, Isabelle Eliza Sturtevant, Clara Rosamond Dumas, Maria Alice Collins.

Two Arrests for Calf Stealing.

Eli Harper was arrested last Saturday evening by the police on a charge of breaking and entering the barn of Edwin L. Towne at the Center and stealing therefrom a calf, which he sold to a farmer for $3 50. While investigating this case Chief Fitzgerald ran across several clues which resulted in the arrest of Eddie LeClaire for stealing a calf from W. H. Phelps of New Braintree, which he brought to Ware, slaughtered, and sold the skin and carcass. LeClaire was handed over to the Hardwick authorities. Harper was bailed out Sunday evening and $500 was given for his appearance to-day.

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NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. E. W. Wall visited friends in Monson Wednesday.

A. E. Ball went to Ashland Tuesday to attend the funeral of a former shopmate.

Miss Thomson has had charge of the telegraph office at Palmer a few days this week during the temporary absence of the regular operator.

Miss Wilma F. Thompson left yesterday for Woburn, where she will remain over Sunday, and thence she will go to Rye Beach to take charge of a telegraph office at the Faragut House for the season. Miss Lida Walker will have charge of the local office at the station during her absence.

Surprised Their Teacher.

The residence of Mr. and Mr. Charles Fuller was the scene of unusual gayety Wednesday evening, when 23 of the scholars of the advanced grade school, district No. 8, Clara A. Morgan, teacher, gathered to pay their regards to her whom they have learned to love during her short stay of only one term. Miss Morgan was calling when the scholars arrived, but, was hastily summoned, and on arriving at the house was welcomed by peals from the organ presided over by Miss Susie Lynch, and peals of laughter from the children. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Morgan, and words failed her for the time. A musical programme was rendered consisting of organ solos by Miss Viola McGuan and Susie Lynch, violin and organ duet by Eddie and Susie Lynch, harmonica solo by Michael Grandfield, and singing by the entire company. A manicure set in a celluloid tray was presented to Miss Morgan by Miss Grace Mowry, who reminded the recipient of the faithfulness and zeal with which she had filled her duties, and the regret all present felt that she was not to return to teach them another term, and assuring her that the best wishes of the whole school would go with her as she went to her new field of labor. Miss Morgan feelingly responded and said the scholars of North Wilbraham school would have a warm place in her heart. A collation consisting of cake and ice cream was then served, and after more merry-making the young people left for their several homes. Miss Morgan goes to Chittenango, N. Y., as principal of the grammar department, next season. She will return to her home in Cobleskill, N. Y., to-morrow. Both parents and scholars regret exceedingly that she is not to return to the school another term, as by her policy the school has been brought to a higher state of perfection then ever before, both as regards scholarship and deportment.

The lawn party at M. A. Lane's Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of Grace church, called out an assembly of 50, who partook of strawberries, ice cream and cake with evident relish.

WARREN.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. Edward Spencer this week Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. Walter Tourtelotte are spending a few days in town this week.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a baked bean supper in the church vestry Wednesday evening.

The junior class of the high school will give a reception to the graduating class the 24th in the town hall.

Work is progressing well on the Main street bridge. The heavy rains washed the sand badly on the east side.

The graduating exercises of the grammar school will be held in the town hall this evening; a class of over thirty will graduate.

Mrs. Grant of Brookfield will sing in the quartette at the Congregational church for a few Sundays as supply for Mrs. George DeLaval.

The graduating exercises of the high school will be held in the town hall next Wednesday evening. Prof. Walker of Easthampton will deliver the address.

Children's Day was observed at the three churches, and in spite of the adverse weather there was a plentiful supply of decorations. Five children were baptized at the Congregational church.

An exhibition of the work done in drawing by the schools was held in the town hall yesterday and to-day, and is highly creditable. The town is fortunate in having as able an instructor as Mr. Daniels, and it is with much regret that he leaves this year to assume charge of the drawing in the Buffalo schools.

The interior of the basement of the new St. Paul's church is nearly finished off, and it is expected that services will be held there for the first time the first Sunday in July. The organ which has been in St. Athanasius' church is being set up for use in the basement. The pews have been ordered and will be set up soon.

The office building of the Warren Steam Pump Works is nearly completed on the outside. The grading for the spur track is nearly completed, and the rails will be laid soon so that the machinery, which the directors are about ready to buy, may be shipped direct to the doors.

The school committee has elected the following teachers: High school, principal, Miss Mary C. Burbank; assistants, Miss Marion Hodgkins and Miss F. Grace Smith; high school building, Joseph E. Reddy, Miss Isabella D. Knant, Miss Florence Holman, Miss Christine Holman; East-street building, Miss Lizzie Cunningham, Miss Kate Pendergast, Miss Mary G. Perry, Miss Eva G Oakes; unassigned, Miss Mary Cunningham; West Warren, William F. Taylor, Miss Frances D. Traverse, Miss Kate Brosnan; district 4, Miss L. P. French; 5, Miss Katie L. Walsh; drawing teacher, Fred H. Daniels; music, Miss Mary E. Howe.

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HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Monson, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Monson qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Town Hall, in said Monson, on Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of June, A. D., 1897, at two o'clock p. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART 2. To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen. Beginning on Bridge street, near the property of Chester Blanchard, and running in a westerly direction to a point near the property of the late John Murphy; thence southerly to the Hampden road, near the property of the late Jerry Dinneen.

ART 3 To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the selectmen. Beginning on Hampden avenue, near the residence of Phillip Lambert, and running in a southerly direction to a stone monument near the tenement house of R. M. & Theo. Reynolds.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the places designated by said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting, and by causing an attested copy thereof to be published in one issue of the Palmer JOURNAL.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson this fourteenth day of June, A. D., 1897.

O. C. McCRAY, H. M. SMITH, H D. MOULTON, } Selectmen of Monson.

A true copy—Attest:
12-1 E. S. HOWLETT, Constable.

Palmer Savings Bank,

Palmer, Mass.

Money deposited on or before Thursday, July 1st, will commence interest from that date.

H. W. McGREGORY, Treasurer.

DR. O. P. ROLLER, DENTIST,

Office Hours: 8 to 12....... ......1 to 5.30. Open Evenings.

Lawrence Block, Palmer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the brook on my property in Monson, and all unauthorized persons fishing therein will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.

Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

Forbes & Wallace's,

SPRINGFIELD.

Fancy Silks.

A recent purchase of handsome Brocaded and Changeable Taffeta Silks is offered to customers at prices lower than anybody else in the country sells them for.

The richest effects---

Black, lavender and green,
Brown, black and lavender,
Tan, green and black,
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Green, black and cerise,
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They are 21 inches wide, and the price, to-day, in most stores in the country is $1.25 per yard---here, as long as the lot lasts at

75c per yard!

We strongly advise early coming, or sending for samples.

Harness and Horse Furnishings.

Here's a short list of worthy harness at little prices. You may be sure that they are worthy or they wouldn't be here.

Light driving harness of good stock, imitation rubber trimmings, $8.50.

Better ones at $9.37, $13.37 and $13.87.

Light driving harness, custom made, genuine rubber trimmings, at $14.87.

Light driving harness, of good oak stock, genuine Kay saddle, rubber trimmings, enamel folds, double and stitched rims, folded crown bridle, steel bits—worth $30 of anyone's money, at $22 37!

Express harness—for grocery, livery or milk peddlers—made with 5-inch saddle, running back band, 1½-inch traces, split hip straps, heavy folding breeching, worth $22, at $16!

Special prices in high-grade silver-mounted harness--coupé, goddard, run-about and coach style.

Big line of summer horse clothing.

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HAY MAKERS!

We are agents for the

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PARIS GREEN and SLUG SHOT for Bugs and Insects of every description.

C. D. Holbrook,

Estab. 1867.

Main St., Palmer.

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WHY BOTHER

with making SHEETS and PILLOW CASES when you can buy them of Stone ready made at the price of the cotton.

81x90 Sheets, hemmed, 45, 50, 60c each.

Pillow Cases, - 10 and 12c each.

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 15, 17c each.

W. E. STONE,

DRY GOODS.

Lawrence Block, Palmer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nathan W. Bond, late of Palmer, in said County, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ida M. Bond of Palmer, in said County of Hampden, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the seventh day of July, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

11-3 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Robert Chambers and Eliza Jane Chambers, both of Palmer, Mass., to Mary L. Davis and Myron H. Davis, dated March 10, 1890, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, Book 465, Page 352, for breach of the condition of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises, on Saturday, the tenth day of July, A. D., 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz:—A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, standing in the village of Three Rivers in Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, viz:—Beginning at the northwest corner of land formerly owned by Josiah Witt, (deceased); thence running easterly about 14 rods to the land of the New London and Northern Railroad Company; thence northerly on said land of the New London Northern Railroad Company 24 feet to a stake and stones; thence southwesterly about 14 rods to the highway leading from the said Three Rivers to the Depot Village in said Palmer; thence on said highway to the first mentioned bound about 62 feet. Said premises will be sold subject to unpaid taxes and assessments, if any, existing thereon.

Terms, $100 down at time and place of sale, balance upon delivery of deed within one week.

MARY L. DAVIS, MYRON H. DAVIS. } Mortgagees.

H. M. CONEY, Attorney.

Ware, Mass, June 14, 1897. 12-3

Piano and Banjo Lessons

given by

Misses Annie and Carrie Fish,

Palmer. 2-tf

E. S. Bryant, D. M. D., Dentist,

Lynde's Block, Palmer

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FOR ALL KINDS OF JOB PRINTING CALL AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE.

Bowled Over.

Here are some of the balls we are rolling this week:

Croquet Sets, 75c to $4.50 a set.

Tennis Rackets and Fixtures and Ball Goods at cost to close out.

Hungarian Grass Seed, Goldwin Millet, Evergreen Fodder Corn.

Screen Doors and Window Screens.

Refrigerators, Ice Hatchets, Ice Awls.

Ice Cream Freezers.

AT BUCK'S,

Hardware, Paints and Oils.

PALMER, MASS.
STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT.

MONSON SAVINGS BANK

MONSON, MASS.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

Money deposited on or before Saturday, July 3d, 1897, will commence interest from that date.

F. E. MORRIS, Treasurer.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Mary Sullivan, late of Palmer, Mass., deceased, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and having its usual place of business at said Palmer, dated May 12th, 1888, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 441, folio 194, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the third day of July, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A tract of land with buildings thereon situate in said Palmer and known as Lot No 50, on plan of lands formerly owned by M. W. French and Albert Burleigh, which plan is recorded in the aforesaid Registry Book 233, page 601. Said lot being bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southerly side of Park street at corner of lot No. 49, on said plan and thence running easterly along said street about 7 rods to corner of lot No. 51, the same now occupied by the Advent chapel; thence southerly about 5 rods to land of Mary Sedgwick; thence westerly by land of said Sedgwick about 7 rods to lot No. 49; thence by said lot No. 49 to the point of departure, containing thirty-one square rods of land, more or less.

$200 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee,
by W. W. LEACH, its Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., June 10, 1897. 11-3

5 CHESTS OOLONG FORMOSA T at 50c a pound.

5 CHESTS OOLONG FORMOSA T at 60c a pound.

These Ts just opened were very carefully selected and will give our customers satisfaction and full value.

W. E. STONE,

Lawrence Block, Palmer.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Mary Sullivan, late of Palmer, Mass., deceased, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and having its usual place of business at said Palmer, dated October 24, 1889, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 455, folio 333, will be sold at public auction at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the third day of July, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—Three certain tracts of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows:

First—Beginning on the west side of Water street in the Depot Village of said Palmer, at the east corner of land of John Murphy, and one rod distant from the New London Northern Railroad Company's land; thence southerly in a line parallel with said company's line eight rods to a stake and stones; thence westerly on land formerly of A. N. Dewey 13 rods to a stake at corner of land formerly of Daniel Dawson; thence northerly by land formerly of said Dawson 12 rods to a lane; thence easterly on said lane five rods to said Murphy's west corner; thence southerly on said Murphy four rods; thence easterly by said Murphy's line eight rods to the first mentioned bound, containing 124 rods of land, more or less.

Second—Also one other tract of land, situate on the lane above referred to and bounded as follows: Beginning at the west corner of land formerly of said Dawson; thence southerly on land formerly of said Dawson 12 rods; thence westerly on land formerly of said Dewey four rods; thence northerly on land formerly of said Dewey 12 rods to said lane; thence easterly on said lane four rods to place of beginning, containing 48 rods of land, more or less.

Third—Also another tract of land, beginning on the southeasterly corner of a tract of land sold by said A. N. Dewey to one William Ronan and one rod distant from the westerly line of lands of the New London Northern Railroad Company; thence running southeasterly in a line parallel with said railroad company's line, but one rod distant therefrom, four rods to a stake; thence southwesterly eight rods; thence northwesterly four rods to said Ronan's southwest corner; thence northeasterly on said Ronan land eight rods to the first mentioned bound, containing 32 rods of land, more or less, together with a right in common with others, to pass over the strip of land one rod wide in front of said lot and the Ronan lot for purposes of egress and regress to and from the highway. Subject to the right of the public as the highways included in the above description.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee,
By W. W. LEACH, its Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., June 10, 1897. 11-3

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Just in.

5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c.

Also Water Sets from 40c to $3.50.

A 2-quart Pitcher for 15c.

Toilet Sets, Decorated, for $2.50 Upwards.

E. B. Taylor, Palmer.

Come Many Miles ∴ ∴ If Need Be.

-- TO --

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MEN'S SUITS.

Regular $10 lines at	$5.90
Regular $12 and 14 lines at	$7.35
Regular $16 and 18 lines at	$10.

BOYS' SUITS.

$6, 6.50, 7.50 and 8.50 lines at one price---$3.37.

YOUNG MEN and Small Men's Suits---all sizes up to 36 breast measure.

$8.50 and 9.00 lines at $5.50.

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That can be truly said of all shoes sold in this store.

See our elegant line of Ladies' Oxford Ties in Russet and Black. Price from 75c to $3.00.

Our Oxford Ties at $1.50 are beauties.

Look at our Men's Vici Kid Shoes at $2.00.

We have put on sale this week all our Men's Russet Shoes over from last season. Those which sold for $3.50 to $5.00 closing out at $2.49.

Misses' and Children's Shoes in Abundance.

LOOK AT OUR BARGAIN COUNTER.

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We will sell Box Papers at 10c, 15c and 25c a box that can't be beat.

If you have found it hard to get what you wanted in this line, come to us now and we will make you happy with some Extra Fine Linen and Bond Papers, in pound packages.

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Palmer, Mass.

... THOSE ...

Red Rim Warwicks

DID YOU NOTICE crossing the tape in the Road Race, Saturday, June 12th?

WARWICKS WON 1st, 3d, 4th and 5th PLACES and 1st and SECOND TIME.

W. J. Knowlton on his RED RIM WARWICK winning 1st place and 1st time, covering a distance of 12 3-4 miles in the remarkably good time of 37 m. 33 2-5 s.

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JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

C. H. HOBBY, PIANO TUNER.

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Our I's and.... ....Other Eyes.

Our I's are just as strong as they were fifty years ago, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising, and we are more than willing for you to see us through other eyes. This is how we look to S. F. Boyce, wholesale and retail druggist, Duluth, Minn, who after a quarter of a century of observation writes:

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, both at wholesale and retail, and have never heard anything but words of praise from my customers; not a single complaint has ever reached me. I believe Ayer's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier, that has been introduced to the general public." This, from a man who has sold thousands of dozens of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is strong testimony. But it only echoes popular sentiment the world over, which has, **"Nothing but words of praise for Ayer's Sarsaparilla."**

Any doubt about it? Send for "Corebook" It kills doubts and cures doubters. Address J. C. AYER Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Second-class tickets are accepted in these cars, and berths are only $2.00 each.

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CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD.

NEW LONDON DIVISION.

TAKING EFFECT DECEMBER 6, 1896.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Leave Brattleboro, 5.40 and 10.30 a. m. and 4.25 p. m. for New London, connecting at Millers Falls with Fitchburg R. R., at Belchertown with Central Massachusetts R. R., and at Palmer with B. & A. R. R. for Worcester, Boston, Springfield; at New London with the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.
Leave Amherst, 7.05 a. m., 12.14 and 5.57 p. m.
Leave Palmer, 8.25 a. m., 1.40 and 7.15 p. m. for New London and intermediate stations.
Leave Willimantic for New London, 8.35, 9.45 a. m. 2.57, 6.40 and 8.45 p. m.

GOING NORTH.

Leave New London, 5.20 and 7.40 a. m, and 2.40 p. m. for Palmer, Brattleboro and intermediate stations.
Leave New London for Willimantic and intermediate stations, 10.00 a. m. and 5.25 p. m.
Leave Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20, 11.00 a. m. and 7.10 p. m. connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.
Leave Palmer for Amherst, 8.20 and 11.00 a. m. and 7.10 p. m.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

D MACKENZIE, Supt. J. A. SOUTHARD, D. P. A. New London, Ct.
S. W. CUMMINGS, G. P. A., St. Albans.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.
(CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS.)
CORRECTED TO OCT. 5, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE WARE:

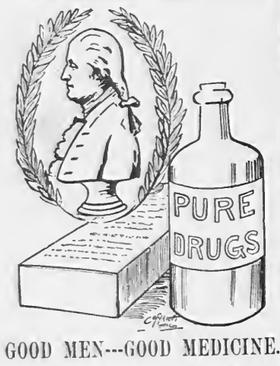
GOING EAST.

Boston—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.45 a. m.; 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m.; 4.28; 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen'l. Pass'r. Agt.



GOOD MEN---GOOD MEDICINE.

It required good men to lay the foundation for the Constitution of the United States, and it needs good men to keep it intact. It also needs good medicine to keep your constitution in perfect order. I have the best—pure drugs and no other. A bad cold helps to undermine the constitution of the body—not the state. Take my **CLIMAX COUGH CURE** and get well.

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Holden's Block, - - Palmer.

CARRIAGES.

I have the largest assortment of
FINE and MEDIUM GRADE CARRIAGES
in Western Massachusetts.

TOP CARRIAGES, $50, 65, 75, 100 to 350.
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TOP and OPEN DELIVERY WAGONS, all styles.
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PRICES NEVER AS LOW AS NOW.

W. H. SMITH,
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His Companion In All.

Mommy used ter say ter Pop,
"Wish ter thunder somethin'd stop
This infernal fishin' fit
That each spring you're sure to git."
Though it war a pesterin' craze—
She goes with 'im nowadays.

Mommy used to say to Pop,
"Ding me, but I'd like to mop
Them ar dogs an' shootin' gear
Offen this 'ere hemisfere."
Said it like she meant it strong—
Nowadays she goes along.

Mommy used to say to Pop,
"Land o' goodness! wish you'd stop
Polotics, for I can see
It will sure your ruin be,"
Said it right along for years—
Nowadays she 'lectioneers.

Nowadays it's just her whim
For to be a-apin' him;
All the fads that Poppy strikes,
Clubs an' lectur' fiel's an' bikes,
All the games that Poppy plays,
Mommy does 'em nowadays.

—*Boston Courier.*

STORIES FROM KANSAS.

Several stories which the reader can or cannot believe, just as he sees fit, were started after the Seneca tornado, two years ago, had violated the state law in reference to the malicious destruction of property and departed for parts unknown. Probably the best one was this: A man was riding along on horseback with a jug of whisky tied with a strap to the saddlehorn. After the blow had ceased the jug handle was found inside the jug and the strap was sticking out of the nozzle, the jug having been blown inside out without spilling a drop of liquor.

Here is another pretty fair one: A farmer was plowing around an oblong patch of ground one day, and at night the tract of unplowed land still contained about five acres. When he quit for the day he left the plow sticking in the furrow, as farmers often do. The tornado came along and caught the plough, taking it around and around the land until it was all plowed.

A Kansan abroad recently found a crowd that did not seem to appreciate his conversation concerning the conspiracy of the foreign capitalists to compel the populist farmers of Kansas to pay their honest debts, so he pulled out his stock of tornado stories, hoping to attract attention.

"I saw a cyclone once," said he, "that picked up a strawstack and moved it a mile and put it back, straw on straw, as it was."

Two or three of the auditors yawned and the Kansan man tried it again.

"Another time," said he, "I saw a twister suck 60 gallons of molasses out of a barrel in front of a grocery store and distribute it to every family in town who had a bucket out on the back step for the milkman."

He cleared his throat and began again. "Back in the 70's we had a terrible cyclone in western Kansas. It blew the cracks out of the fences, pulled a cistern out of the ground, moved a township line and changed the day of the week."

This last fusilade induced one of the listeners to speak up. He said: "I do not know much about cyclones, but once when I was at sea I saw a waterspout pick up tons and tons of water and carry it a mile and"—

"Hold on," cried the Kansan. "If you are going to degrade this conversation to the level of a common lying contest I will retire." And he got up and walked away pompously.

A prominent Kansan is accredited with telling this:—

"Tell you what's a fact. I have known it to blow 12 days and nights on a stretch and hold a sheep up against the side of the barn until he starved to death."

Probably the story which better illustrates the position of the populist farmer in Kansas than any told in recent years is this:—

Kansas man (visiting the East)—"Yes, sir, Kansas is the country for the farmers. Look at her vast prairies covered with crops so heavy that they make whole countries sink down in the middle. Look at her corn crop, so vast that it crowded township lines into the river."

Same Kansas man (at the populist meeting in his own neighborhood)—"Fellows-sufferers, dry weather, Hessian flies and gold bugs prey like vampires on our state. Our once fair state is plastered over with mortgages so heavy that we have to bore a hole through them with an auger in order to plant corn. Rouse, ye slaves!"

There has been a premium offered for the capture of the man who started this clever lie. "A Kansas farmer planted his farm in popcorn, and gathered it into his barn. The barn took fire, the corn popped and filled a 10-acre field. His old mare, thinking it a snowstorm, lay down and froze to death."

In discussing the question in western Kansas not long ago, a citizen from the short grass country said: "I think that Kansas is in need of a good deal of irrigation. There are times when it is so dry in the western part of the state that you have to soak a hog over night before he will hold swill. There are places where wateris wet only on one side, I know a place where the owner of a ferry boat hauls water 11 months in the year to keep his ferry running. Why, water is so scarce there that the men won't drink it. The cause of this drouth is that the railroads of Kansas have cornered the water supply of the state to put into their stock."

Here is another drouth story told by a traveling man; I was driving across the country to a little town in western Kansas the other day, when I met a farmer hauling a wagon load of water.

"Where do you get water?" said I.

"Up the road about seven miles," he replied.

"And you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?"

"Yep."

"Why in the name of sense don't you dig a well?"

"Because it's jest as far one way as the other, stranger."—*Kansas City Journal.*

NOAH AND MONEY.—"The financial situation has caused considerable research on the subject," remarked the cheerful idiot to his pastor the other day. "I suppose," he continued, "that you have made a study of the moneys of the Bible?"

"Oh, yes," replied the minister, blandly, "I am familiar, to be sure, with the Biblical coins."

"I infer that paper money was used at the time of the flood," continued the idiot, sparring for a chance to make a home three.

"What has led you to this conclusion?" asked the pastor.

"Well, we read of where the dove brought the green hack to Noah."—*Washington Times.*

Mistress (reprovingly)—"Bridget, breakfast is very late this morning. I noticed last night that you had company in the kitchen, and it was nearly twelve o'clock when you went to bed." Bridget—"Yis, mum; I knowed you was awake, fur I heard ye movin' around; an' I said to meself y'd made slape this mornin', an' I wouldn't distoorb ye wid an early breakfast, mum."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Merury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physcians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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In Three Months Humor Spread Over His Forehead

Into His Eyes and All Over His Hands

Such Itching, Burning Torture—How It Ended.

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HOW TO MAKE DRESSES.

Gauzes and grenadines, nets, tulles and such transparent materials are so greatly in demand this year it might be thought that organdies were quite out of style. Never, though, has there been a greater variety of patterns to choose from, and there is no doubt that they will be worn just as much as ever, if not more so. Pale yellow, the different shades of cerise, blue, green and gray—all these covered with flowered patterns, and sometimes overshot with tiny polka dots of white, are made up in the most charming of costumes, which, though some of the fashions are not radically different from last season's, they have, at all events, quite a different air. The skirts, of course, are smaller, and do not flare at the sides; but while there is one pattern which has the skirt much narrower, that skirt is very fully trimmed, and some of the smartest skirts are absurdly wide. A charming gown, just sent home, has a skirt which measures fully six yards. The fullness is gathered into a small space at the back, and the whole pattern is like an idealized bell skirt. This particular gown has no ruffles nor flounces, but the entire skirt is made of entre-deux of lace two inches wide, and is hung over a silk skirt. The waist has also entre-deux of lace, but of narrower width, it is made without lining, and is worn over a low-cut body of silk. The front hangs in a full blouse effect over the belt, which is a narrow band of ribbon fastened with a double buckle of rhine stones. At the back there are long sash ends of wider ribbon and wide ribbon around the collar.

Another gown—this of pale yellow, with bunches of purple flowers—is made up over yellow silk. The skirt measures five yards in width, and has six gores. It is trimmed with four little ruffles, each edged with a narrow satin ribbon. The waist is entirely covered at the back with a lace jacket, which has postilion ends. There is a narrow belt of purple ribbon, which in front holds down the loose baby-waist, and is tied in a soft double bow. The sleeves are of lace like back and waist, but at the top have double ruffles of the organdie edged with the narrow satin ribbon. These ruffles extend across the front of the waist, are tied with a fichu, and the ends are tucked into the belt. The waist is slightly open at the throat, and there are two pointed pieces of lace, which turn back like revers. The coloring and lines of this gown are most artistic.

White muslin, under which term is included all the many sheer white wash materials, make the most fashionable of any gowns this season, and fabulous prices are asked for them by many of the smart dressmakers. One hundred dollars to pay for a white muslin gown, made with no lining whatever and very little lace, does seem a bit extravagant, and yet that price has been asked for just such gowns, and, much more is demanded for them when trimmed with real lace. Some of them are superb in texture, and the quantity of lace that is used make them the most fascinating of all the gowns that women wear. The old fashion is revived of a puffed waist with entre-deux of real lace worn with skirts composed entirely of insertions and trimmed with three or four ruffles, each of which has entre-deux and is edged with lace two inches wide. Lace ruffles down the front of the waist, lace ruffles at the hands, and deep collars and capes, all trimmed with the expensive lace, are very becoming, and of necessity cost a great deal of money. Fortunately the same fashion that says that real lace is to be worn also allows of the use of imitations and the imitations are now so excellent that they have much the same effect. These gowns require the daintiest sewing, and there is an immense amount of work on them—yet dainty, pretty work, that can be done at odd times.—*Harper's Bazar.*

THE WORLD'S COSTLIEST BOOK.

The most expensive book ever published in the world is the official history of the war of the rebellion, which is now being issued by the government of the United States at a cost up to date of $2,334,328, says the *Chicago Record.* Of this amount $1,184,291 has been paid for printing and binding. The remainder was expended for salaries, rent, stationery and other contingent and miscellaneous expenses, and for the purchase of records from private individuals. It will require at least three years longer and an appropriation of perhaps $600,000 to complete the work, so that the total cost will undoubtedly reach nearly $3,000,000. It will consist of 112 volumes, including an index, and an atlas which contains 178 plates and maps illustrating the important battles of the war, campaigns, routes of march, plans of forts and photographs of interesting scenes, places and persons. Most of these pictures are taken from photographs made by the late M. B. Brady of Washington. Several years ago the government purchased his stock of negatives for a large sum of money. Each volume will, therefore, cost an average of about $26,785, which probably exceeds that of any book that was ever issued. Copies are sent free to public libraries, and 1,347,999 have been so distributed. The atlas costs $22 and the remainder of the edition is sold at prices ranging from 50 to 90 cents a volume.

There does not seem to be a large popular demand, for only 51,194 copies have been sold for a total of $30,154. Thus it will be seen that the entire proceeds received from sales thus far but slightly exceed the average cost of each of the 112 volumes. The books can be obtained by addressing the secretary of war.

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An old Peebles worthy and an English lady were one day recently occupants of a railway carriage in an Edinburgh-bound train. The train had been waiting long at a certain station, and there was no appearance of its starting, when the worthy remarked:

"They're a gey taiglesome lot here."

"I beg your pardon," said the lady.

"I'm sayin' they're an awful daidlin' squad here," said the old fellow.

"I really beg your pardon," she rejoined.

"I'm remarkin' they're a vera dreich lot here the nicht," the old gentleman further ventured.

"Really, I must again beg your pardon," said the lady with marked embarrassment, but I do not comprehend you."

"I was just tryin' to say the train was late," he finally blurted.

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There is no reason, therefore, why the average young man in school or college or business, in his daily occupation, or when he comes in contact with women or men, girls or boys, should not make it a point to be reserved, self-contained, tolerant, and observant of the little rules which every one knows by heart, and which go to make his company and companionship valuable to others. It is the same in his contact with men as with women. A systematic method of observing ordinary rules in such cases invariably has its effect. For example, you will see many a boy in some discussion among his friends talking all the time demanding the attention of others, insisting on his views, losing his temper over a game of marbles and declining to play longer, or making himself conspicuous in a hundred other ways. He may be a very good chap, full of push and vigor, and so sure of his own views that in his heart he cannot conceive of any other person really having a different view of the subject. That is an estimable character for a healthy boy to have. Confidence in one's own ideas often carries one over many a bad place. But the fact that the boy has such a character and his disagreeable way of forcing it upon you are two entirely different things; and the difference of being confident and disagreeable and confident and agreeable is the difference between good and bad manners.—*Harper's Round Table.*

AN ORIENTAL LOVE TEST.—This tale is told in the Orient. A lady one day found a man following her, and she asked him why he did so. His reply was:

"You are very beautiful, and I am in love with you."

"Oh, you think me beautiful, do you? There is my sister over there. You will find her much more beautiful than I am. Go and make love to her."

On hearing this, the man went to see the sister, but found she was very ugly, so he came back in an angry mood, and asked the lady why she had told him a falsehood. She then answered:

"Why did you tell me a falsehood?"

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"Robert has drawn a very clever little map in there. Look at it when you go in."

"Did you tell him it was clever?" asked a judicial listener, following from the room where little Robert still sat.

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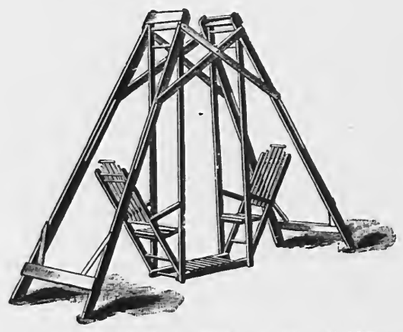

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[The discovery of a new treatment, called the Music Cure, comes to us from the city of Munich.—*Boston Transcript.*]

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The greatest of the remedies to cure your ills is here;
No matter what your trouble, be your heart or liver wrong,
You now may find correction in the measures of a song.

When in your side your vermiform appendix takes a freak
To twist and twirl and twinge and threb till you can hardly speak,
No longer call the surgeon in, at knife and table scoff,
But summon Jean de Reszke and get him to sing it off.

If to your toe the living rich of days that are no more
Should bring those gouty feelings that no fellow bankers for,
Strike up your waltz of Strauss, or some swift pleasant, and so,
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Three times a day take Mozart's safe and pure symphonic squills;
And if the trouble does not yield to them, you may be sure
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And when you travel, blessed thought, no matter where it be,
You need not worry over any kind of misery,
So long as ere you start abroad you do not fail to get
What doubtless soon they'll give us now, a cure-all organ.

Or if perchance this does not cure as soon as we desire,
No matter what kind of disease our system may acquire,
We're better off than e'er before beneath this system grand,
Which for the doctors substitutes the measure of the hand!

—*John Kendrick Bangs, in Harper's Magazine.*

PETTIGREW'S MORTGAGE.

"Susan, you're cryin'."

Susan dropped her handkerchief into her lap quickly, giving her husband an indignant look. She was a woman of some 50 years, tall and large framed, with a fresh healthy complexion. She had high cheek bones, her eyes were black and her hair, though threaded with gray, retained its dark hue. She sat by the west window of the large wing room which served for the dining and living room of a farm house.

She had been looking into the orchard, where the sun, as it sank in a bank of red clouds, burnished the gnarled trunks and crooked limbs of the old apple trees, which cast long slanting shadows towards the house. Her husband, who was also tall, was of slighter build than she, pale and older looking. He had been bustling in and out of the room, and had just thrown an armful of wood into the wood-box behind the stove. That armful filled the box full, and he was reaching for his pipe on the mantle-piece when he glanced at his wife and saw her furtively wiping her eyes.

"How you do talk, Cyril. I ain't thought o' sech a thing as cryin'. I jest set here lookin' at them apple trees, all bare as they be, an' wonderin' who'd be lookin' out o' this winder next year, when they blowed agin. That set me thinkin' o' the day you an' me first come home after we'd been to the parson's. We come through the orchard, an' the trees was all full o' white blows, some on 'em fallin' on the ground, and you said they was a strewin' our path in honor o' our weddin'. Your ma set in this 'ere winder, an' when she see us comin' she got up and opened the door, and when we come up on the stoop we could see the table all set for us and the room fixed up fur company. I ain't forgot a word she said. She put her arms 'round my neck an' kissed me, and says she, 'Welcome home, Susan. You've got a good husband, an' you've come to a good home. I can't wish you no better'n that you'll be as prosp'rous as I've been here, an' when you're ready to die, as I be now, that you can look back on as happy a life in the old home as I do.' Oh, Cyril, I do hope dead folks can't see back here. If your poor ma was to see us turned out o' here, all the singin' an' playin' on harps an' all the gold mansions in heaven, even if she owned one all to herself, wouldn't comfort her."

The old man had filled his pipe while his wife was talking, and now sat in an armchair in front of the stove. He made no reply.

"You'll think I'm a fool, I know," she went on, "but I kept on lookin' fur that air paper. Somehow I can't give up 't I was sech a born iddi't as to hurn it up with a mess o'rags."

"It's burnt up fast enough, t'aint no use o' hopin' you'll find it," was the discouraging reply; "what gits me is how that old skiuflint heard on 't. You don't think Myrtle'd think she could hov' 'im, do ye? That's what he wants. He's got a big farm an' a good house. He ain't more'n 50 years old, I reckon."

"Land sakes alive! Cyril Pettigrew, what be you a talkin' about? He's older'n I be, an' I'm hard onto 60. I guess you've forgot what you've allus said about 'im an' that wa'nt no more'n other folks says. Even s'pose he wan't the hardest hearted, grindin'est old coot for miles 'round, should you want our Myrtle to marry him as could ho an' cheat about this 'ere money as he's doin? You know you paid 'im, don't you, an' you don't s'pose he's forgot it?" "O' course I know I paid it; he ain't forgot it, neither. He wa'nt pleased when I told 'im what I'd cum fur—guess he hoped I couldn't git in, an' then he'd mebbe git Myrtle. When I come away, says he, 'Mr. Pettigrew, I s'pose Myrtle expects to be to home next Sunday evenin'? Mebbe I'll be 'round, an' I can bring the satisfaction price to the mortgage the same time.' Then he gave me the receipt, an' I brought it home."

"Yis, you did; 'twas here fast enough. I remember seein' you lay it down on the stand. I must a burnt it up, but dear me, I can't contrive how. I was dretful busy thet day, fixin' up things for Joel's box. I wanted to git it to 'im in time for his birthday, long's he thought he couldn't spare time to come home. Miss Martin was here a helpin' on me. I tried to make her sense what 't was we'd lost, but she peared to be deafer'n ever. I hollered it to her as loud as I could, but she acted jest as though I was tellin' on her somethin' cunnin' the way she nodded an' looked tickled. I bev' suspicions mebbe she knew what 'twas we was huntin' fur, an' let on to Reed we'd lost the receipt. She knew he wanted Myrtle. She said, lots o' times, as how she thought t'would be a good match fur her, but I says to myself. 'You old sarplut. that's cause you want Sam Hosmer fur your squint eyed niece, Malvina Brooks.' She's been settin' her cap fur Sam more'n a year."

Mr. Pettigrew was a farmer in comfortable circumstances. Although he had but little ready money at his disposal, from the proceeds of his farm he supported his family well and give to each of his two children a good education. Myrtle, the daughter, now taught the village school. Joel wished to become a merchant, rather than remain on the farm, and though this was a great disappointment to his parents, they made every effort to gratify him. Two years before our story opens Mr. Pettigrew mortgaged his farm to Jabez Reed, a neighbor living at a distance from them of some three miles, and on the farther side of the village where were situated the nearest postoffice and railway station, as well as the school where Myrtle taught. The mortgage was for $3000, and with the sum thus obtained he bought a partnership for Joel in a Western town.

Before the mortgage fell due Mr. Pettigrew and his son together had saved enough money to pay it, and Mr. Pettigrew himself made the payment to Mr. Reed, who gave him a receipt for the amount. After he reached home the receipt was in some unaccountable way lost, and Jabez Reed heard of its loss, as they learned through a letter from him. In that letter he urged the immediate payment of the $3000 due him on the mortgage, which Cyril Pettigrew had promised to pay when he had called on the writer, on the 18th of November (the date on which Cyril had made the payment.) In a postscript Mr. Reed said that were he to become more closely connected with them he should not, of course, be so urgent for the payment, as it would then be all in the family. Otherwise, he should be forced to foreclose, as he needed the money badly.

While still discussing this unpleasant state of affairs the Pettigrews were interrupted by the entrance of their daughter, who came quietly into the room. Myrtle was tall and slight like her father, but with the bright complexion and vigorous strength of her mother, and with a striking beauty of form and features possessed by neither parent. She laid aside her wraps, and, taking a chair, sat down near her mother. After a short silence she said: "Sam has been telling me that Mr. Reed will not give father another receipt for the one which was lost. I thought this could not be true, or you would have told me; but I understand that you wished to save me from unhappiness as long as possible. But surely it cannot be true that he threatens to foreclose on father. What a bad man he must be! Is it from revenge, because I refused to marry him?"

"Yis," answered her mother; "spite and maybe mor'n that. Thinks, like enough, that you'll take him now to save the farm."

"'Cordin' to Jabez Reed," said Mr. Pettigrew, "your father's a liar and tryin' to be a thief."

"But, father, Sam said you should resist it. He says your word is better than Mr. Reed's oath."

"Sam can do a good deal o' talkin'," remarked Mr. Pettigrew, "but 'twon't amount to nothin'. Mebbe he's got three thousand dollars to lend me."

"He hasn't, of course," replied Myrtle. "I know how gladly he would lend it if he could."

"Wall, long's he ain't got it I don't see 's he can do better 'n to stop pesterin' on ye an' let ye marry Squire Reed an' done with it."

"Shame, Cyril," cried Mrs. Pettigrew.

Myrtle smiled. "Never mind, mother; poor father does not mean it. As for me, I will not believe till I hear from his own lips, that Mr. Reed can be so unjust."

"'Pears likely you won't hev' to wait long 'fore you do. That's him now, hitchin' his horse by the front gate, or I'm greatly mistook. Mebbe he's thought better on't and come to bring the satisfaction piece, 'cordin' as he promised."

"Mebbe them apple trees'll blow out tonight—'bout as likely," grumbled Cyril.

A sound of stamping and scraping on the front piazza, and a loud rap on the door, announced the arrival of a visitor. Myrtle opened the door and admitted a man of about sixty years, of ordinary height and size, with a ruddy complexion, coarse iron gray hair and small, light blue eyes. His lips were flabby and shapeless. His chin was streaked with tobacco juice.

"Good day, Mr. Reed," said Myrtle; "we were just talking about you. I was telling mother that unless you told me so, I would not believe you would be cruel and unjust."

Mr. Reed shook Myrtle's hand as though it were a pump handle, and winked knowingly at her.

"O' course, o' course," he answered. "How is the old man, anyway; pretty spry, hey?"

Cyril gave a grunt; but neither answered nor looked at the man. Mrs. Pettigrew said stiffly, "Have a chair, Mr. Reed."

"Wall, I dunno," turning to Myrtle. "Got a fire in the front room? I come to see you."

"No, sir," she replied, "but then I do not object to the presence of my parents."

"Wall, mebbe not, but I told yer pa"—

"What I wish particularly," interrupted Myrtle, "is to have this affair set right. If you have not brought another receipt to father, when will you send one?"

"Easy now, easy—I'd like to hev' a talk all by ourselves. Come over and set on the lounge."

He seated himself, and Myrtle stood near. "Set down an' he comfurble—No? Wall, s'cuse my settin'. I'm tired. O' course you an' mo understands one another. Ther' ain't no use o' makin' a row, but yer pa didn't pay me no money thet day. Can't see what the devil's got into the old fellow. Ain't acted queer lately, has he?"

Myrtle did not reply to Mr. Reed, but turning to her father, who was still seated, said:—

"Father, Mr. Reed says you did not pay him any money. Where, then, is the money which I counted, in bills, and placed in your wallet just as you were leaving home for his house?"

Mr. Pettigrew sprang to his feet. "Jabe Reed," he cried, "dare you look me in the face and say that?"

"Now, now, Myrtle, what did you want to rile 'im for?" asked Mr. Reed.

"Never mind, Mr. Pettigrew, Myrtle and I'll settle this 'ere trouble. Mebbe you dropped the money in the road, goin' along, or likely you come across some sharper an' he fooled ye out on't. Don't blame you none fur not wantin' to tell on't. S'pose you old folks go out in the back room, an' let me an' Myrtle spark. We'll come to terms, hey, Myrtle?" with another wink.

"Mr. Reed," exclaimed Myrtle, "my father paid you the $3000. We know he did, and so do you. Since you are so wicked as to deny it you have no heart to which I can appeal." Overcome with grief and repugnance she felt on the point of bursting into tears. She left the room hastily, not waiting to see what effect her words had produced.

Mr. Reed scowled fiercely and grew red in the face. "Holty, tolty; wicked, hey," he snarled, "wall, I guess I'll be goin'."

"Yis, go," cried Mrs. Pettigrew, "an' the quicker the better. Mebbe you'll cheat us out o' the farm, but I shouldn't think all the money ye could steal 'ud be much comfort to ye knowin' that all hands, young an' old, hates ye like plsin. You was the meanest boy in school. I ain't forgot yer dirty tricks, and sinse ye growed up ye ain't improved. 'Pears to me ye grow wus evory year."

Trembling with rage, Mr. Reed waited to hear no more. As he went out he slammed the door, then opened it, and putting his head in the room again, yelled, "Soon's the law'll git ye out, out ye'll go."

Sam Hosmer, Myrtle's lover, found it necessary during the next few days to do a good deal in the line of consolation, especially on behalf of Myrtle. He strove to convince her that his frequent presence was absolutely necessary to prevent her from falling into the lowest depths of gloom, and though she laughed at him playfully for his assurance, his cheerful view of the situation and his hopefulness were appreciated by her and her mother, if not by Cyril. His many sarcastic remarks and suggestions did not abash the young man in the least, though they were often quite severe.

One evening Mrs. Pettigrew received a pretty little note from a young lady of their acquaintance, saying that she would spend the next day with her and hoped she would be welcome. The writer, Florrie Vail, was an orphan, who lived with an old aunt, to whom she gave a home. She was something of an heiress, a fact which had prevented her marriage with Joel before now. They were engaged, but Joel was sturdily independent and would not take her from her own home until he could give her another as good.

True to her promise, Florrie came over the next day about 10 o'clock, "walkin' into the room as quiet as a little white mouse," as Mrs. Pettigrew told her.

She put her arms around Mrs. Pettigrew's neck, kissed her cheek and cried a little. "I've heard all about your trouble dear," she said. "I wrote to Joel about it, for I knew you wouldn't. But, indeed, he would rather know I wanted to lend the money to his father, and so I wrote to Joel, but he made no reply to that, or at least this is what he did write." Blushingly, she held her snowflake of a hand over the upper corner, and Mrs. Pettigrew pretended she did not see the words, "My sweetest treasure." The letter read as follows:—"Go and spend the day with the folks Thursday. I will be home on the noon train. Tell them not to send to the station for me, as some one else will take me over unless my calculations are wrong." Mrs. Pettigrew read aloud so far, then—"You loveliest of all darlings—" "There you have read enough," laughed Florrie, all blushes and smiles, taking the letter from her, "but what do you suppose he means about 'calculation,' etc?"

"I dunno. Joel's allus so res'lute. Mebbe 'tis jest as well you wrote all about it to 'im. Anyhow, I'm glad he's comin' home. We'll have a few more happy times together in the old home."

"Oh, a good many more!" exclaimed Florrie; "Joel can do something," with all a young girl's faith in her lover.

"I reckon he'll be here by 1 o'clock, so let's all hands to work an' hev dinner ready to chuck right on the table soon's he drives up. You go and tell Myrtle. She an' Sam's in the best room."

Florrie had great appealing blue eyes and pale gold hair. Her complexion was like a rose leaf and her mouth shaped like Cupid's bow.

Of medium height, slightly built and graceful in motion, surely Joel had shown good taste when he fell so desperately in love with her.

At 1 o'clock all assembled in the wing room. They had laid the table with snowy white linen and bright glass and silver, and adorned it with a huge bunch of asters, a present from Sam, for a centre piece and for a special greeting for Joel.

Everything was ready and so they waited for Joel, and they did not know who else, but expectation kept every one silent, except Sam, whose occasional attempts at conversation met with no encouragement from Myrtle, to whom they were directed.

At last Florrie cried:—"He is coming;" then they all rushed to the window. Mrs. Pettigrew saw, at first, only Joel. "Dear boy," she said, "how handsome he's grown, and who—Cyril, be I a dreamin', or is that Jabez Reed walkin' long side o' Joel?"

"Yis, that's the old coot. I allus thought Joel'd do somethin' with 'im." In reality, Cyril had never allowed himself to hope anything from Joel in this matter.

By this time Myrtle had reached the door, and admitted Joel, with Jabez Reed, whom it proved to be. Joel gave his sister a hug and grasped a hand each of father and mother, while a fond smile told Florrie she was not unnoticed.

He was a strong, sinewy man, with keen gray eyes, thick chestnut hair and a straight nose. He had a square chin and firm, well formed lips. His whole face expressed strong will and determination, and had usually a look of serenity but good nature. Now he seemed to be keeping under control some powerful emotion.

"Father," he said, turning to Cyril, "Mr. Reed has called to make some necessary explanations."

Mr. Reed was redder in the face than usual, and had a hang-dog expression which did not add to his good looks.

"Wall," he commenced, "yew see 'twas funny, but jest as I was thinkin' o' comin' over to bring that 'ere receipt, Joel, he come in and said he'd found the first one."

"You, Joel! How?" all exclaimed, at once.

"Never mind, now; don't interrupt Mr. Reed," cautioned Joel.

"O, I ain't got much to say. I joked 'em some 'tother day, an' they got mad an' tuk it in earnest, so I thought I'd wait awhile an' let 'em git over it 'fore I come agin. Here," taking a paper from his pocket, "is the satisfaction piece to the mortgage. Joel, he's got the receipt. I'm glad on't, it'll save me writin' another. Hope ye don't none on ye hear malice."

This being received in dead silence, he shuffled his feet, looked into his hat for inspiration, and finding none, remarked that he "guessed he'd be goin', his horse didn't stand very good."

Joel opened the door for him, and, making a low bow said, "Since you wish to be known as a joker, you may include the remarks I made to you about tar and feathers and call it one huge joke."

"Yis, yis," he muttered, abjectly; "young folks will hev their sports," and shuffled off, evidently glad to escape.

Cyril sat down in his arm chair by the stove, and laughed and chuckled. "I knew Joel' ud make it all right. I knew it, but Joel, how in the name o' wonder did ye git that air receipt?"

"Why, mother put it in the box she sent me. I found it, all rolled up in one of my shirts. I thought she sent it because she wished me to see it, and intended to write about it at once, but I was busy, and time went by, but, thanks to the good sense of this little girl," taking Florrie's hand lovingly, "I heard what that rascal was about, and came on at once. I went from the station to Reed's house, and asked him what the trouble was, not telling him that I had the receipt. He said father thought he had paid him, but was mistaken, and was probably losing his mind—getting to imagining things. When I produced the receipt, you should have seen his jaw fall. He tried to laugh, and make light of the matter. I told him, however, that he must come with me at once, and apologize, or a ride, after dark, dressed in a suit of tar and feathers, might be the alternative.

"The rest you know. He apologized as well as he knew how. It is all past now. Let's forget the scamp. We're pretty comfortable, aren't we mother?" putting one arm around Mrs. Pettigrew's waist and the other around Florrie.

The example was infectious, and Sam seemed to think the time had come to embrace Myrtle, but when he made the attempt, was promptly extinguished.

Cyril regarded his son with a proud smile, "Oh, I thought Joel 'ud do somethin'," he repeated. "To think though, o' that old coot's wantin' to marry our Myrtle. What do you think o' that, Joel?"

"I think his effrontery is only equaled by his dishonesty, but let it all pass. Mother, I smell something good cooking. Let's have dinner."—*Alice M. Ladd.*

THE NEWS OF THE TOWN.

Commencement Week at the High School, and Other School Matters.

BIG CELEBRATIONS OF THE FOURTH OF JULY PLANNED.

A California Wedding of Interest to Palmer People---Bondsville and Palmer to Have Celebrations the Fourth---New Member of the School Committee Elected---Teachers Appointed for Next Year---Amusing Runaway at Palmer---Entries for the Thorndike Field Day To-morrow---Accident to the Fiskdale Stage---Local Happenings in all Parts of the Town.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The Sermon to the Class, Class Day Exercises, Etc.

Another year has been completed in the history of the Palmer high school, and again she sends forth, after four years of equipment, a class of graduates to assume the active duties of life. Four years ago, at the time of its entrance to the high school, the class numbered many more, but during its course, as is always the case, many for various reasons dropped out, leaving its present number 13, comprised of five young ladies and eight young men. It might be said that the animal in the right of the picture is not a member of the class, but one of its many friends, who feels honored by having his picture taken with such a handsome looking class. All during the course the class has maintained an excellent standard, both in scholarship and deportment. They have gained the respect of their teachers and the love of their schoolmates by their courteous and affable bearing, all of whom regret their departure and wish that success may attend their ways. It is the intention of all members of the class to continue their higher education, the fundamentals of which they have been taught so well at Palmer high school.

The exercises of graduation week commenced last Sunday, when a majority of the class attended a service in the Union church at Three Rivers, to listen to an address by Rev. A. Lincoln Shear of Springfield. The church was prettily decorated, there being five large arches covered with flowers, a motto bearing the word "Welcome," underneath which was a monogram "P. H. S." The address was one of much helpfulness and interest. His text was "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," and his subject "True success; its achievement." The speaker said in part:

"What is success? While there are many answers to this question, only one is true, and success is reached by one road only. True success is not made up of the amount gained, but consists in getting the largest results possible in one's sphere in life, and with his or her opportunities, and working hard to make the most of one's self, no matter what the results may be. What a man does and is, and not what he has, constitutes success.

"One of the best sources of inspiration and stimulation to endeavor is the life of a truly successful man. In the lives of famous and successful men and women are incarnated tact, industry, perseverance, honesty, self-reliance, and other virtues indispensable to success. These virtues become real because of having been lived, and are not then merely idealities or speculations. We are but feebly impressed by abstractions and mere sentiment; but noble truths illustrated by noble deeds incite to noble endeavors and to success. We learn the value of virtues by seeing the men who practice them, and human experience invests certain elements of character with a sort of personality, and personality is power. It is profitable to study men and women who have made things happen. Emerson has well said, 'there is properly no history—only biography.' With this asserted, I ask you to spend a little time with successful characters—men and women who have been successful, and moved the world."

Then were given a number of illustrations from the lives of celebrated men and women, and quotations defining success as given by well-known writers. Continuing, the speaker said:

"All these writers are substantially correct. The youth who makes the most of himself is successful, though he may not become wealthy, learned, or president of the United States. A man with five talents and small opportunities may improve them so as to be of more real service to mankind than one having ten unimproved talents. There is a so-called success which should be avoided—to seek wealth or position by the sacrifice of moral principle. Pure character is above riches or fame. There is such a thing as being successful in business, and not as a *man*. And yet, to strive to win something and some place is right and laudable, and we should be ambitious to succeed and make a place in the world. But he who makes the most of himself according to his sphere in life is most truly successful. And work, hard work, is a very large part of the price we pay for success. To be a genius is not an assurance of succeeding. Genius never supersedes the necessity for hard work. The world's geniuses are ever the hardest workers, as history shows. In addition to hard work, some of the cardinal principles of success are decision, perseverance, application, energy, self-reliance, individuality, courage, and that which is most truly necessary, Christian character."

Many illustrations were given showing the predominance of these principles in the lives of famous men and women. One element was particularly enforced, that of Christian character. "The greatness and strength of any nation lies in the greatness of her men. A man is great only as he is rich in Christian character. Class of '97, desire to succeed. Be ambitious. A young person is a blot on God's earth who does not try to make something of himself or herself, and make the world better because he or she lives in it. Drifting in the world with no ambition to improve, we are not worthy of the world's notice and we will fail to get it, and drifting, we drift downward. The tide only runs one way for a drifting character—down. If you have a desire to succeed and be heard of in the new world, you will succeed, and you will be heard of by paying the price—hard work. But remember that character is much more than wealth or knowledge. Strive for it as for your life. True success only comes to the one whose life is founded on the laws of God, and whose character is patterned after the Christ life. And a good boyhood will more than likely bring forth a good manhood. True womanhood begins back early in the teens. It is of importance that the youth of our time should be truthful, honest and pure. You have a mission. Whatever it may be, look upon it as your God-given duty, and do it with all your might. And live good lives from the morning, and you will end a happy journey in a joyous and happy manner, and be must truly successful."

The address abounded with quotations and illustrations, and was about an hour in delivery.

The class day exercises of the class of '97 of Palmer high school were held on the school lawn Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock. A large number of former members of the school and friends of the class were present and enjoyed the exercises, which were decidedly interesting. The address of welcome was delivered by the class president, H. W. Brainerd, and was followed by the class history, written by E. H. Powell and Miss Nellie Finnerty and read by Miss Finnerty, in which was recounted many happenings through which the class had passed in its four years course at the high school. The prophecy, written by C. R. Stone and Miss Buck, was then read by Miss Katharine Buck, in which fame, wealth, honor, and positions of trust and responsibility were attributed to the various members of the class, followed by the statistics by Miss Ellen McMahon, revealing many of the hidden characteristics of the class. The sermon was then delivered by R. C. Studley, who exorted his brethren and sisters to overcome their many faults and live up to their motto, "Non verba, sed facta." The quotations were read by Miss Emma McFarlane and were well selected, as evidenced by the approval of the scholars as they were applied to each member of the class and teachers. The will, in which various chattels and properties belonging to the class were bequeathed to the following classes, was read by A. D. Shaw and was followed by the class poem by Miss Blanche Hellyar.

Another event which was not down on the programme occurred in which the male members of the class participated—an impromptu cane rush. Three of the members of the class of '99 appeared at the exercises with canes and class colors, which they sported with great pride. During the exercises it was noticable that whenever one of these appeared in sight the "boys" of '97 bit their lips, and only by a great effort restrained themselves from rushing from the platform and trampling beneath their feet these offending colors. After the exercises they threw off the grave and dignified air of seniors which they had assumed and gave chase to the juniors. After much work and rushing they succeeding in capturing two canes, and although they spent much time in seaching for the other surviving junior they failed to find him.

The graduating exercises will be held in the opera house this evening at 8 o'clock with an address by Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, and music by the Palmer orchestra. Immediately after the graduation exercises the class will give a reception to invited guests. Music will be furnished by the orchestra for dancing.

High School Alumni Association Formed.

A meeting of former graduates of the Palmer high school was held in the high school building Wednesday evening, at which an alumni association was formed and a constitution adopted. By the constitution, all graduates of the school are regular members of the association; and the regular teachers of the school honorary members. It is the purpose of the association to hold a reunion and business meeting during commencement week of each year. These officers were elected: President, H. A. Barker, '91; vice president, Miss Annie Fish, '92; secretary, E. E. Hobson, '96; treasurer, C. D. Holden, '93. All graduates of the school are requested to send their present address to the secretary of the association.

An Amusing Runaway.

Considerable excitement was afforded the people on Main street yesterday afternoon by an exciting runaway in which a horse owned by W. E Needham of Wales figured. He is a young horse, large and strong, and was left standing in front of Holbrook's grain store, when he suddenly took a notion into his head that he could do a half in 1 minute, for off he started and those who were watching him at the time saw nothing to frighten him. In front of the JOURNAL office the wagon to which he was hitched was overturned, but immediately righted and he dashed away up North Main. After proceeding up the street a short distance, probably thinking he was making the turn at the quarter mile post, he slackened his speed and turned around as gracefully as if under the guidance of some skillful driver and came back down the street, turned the corner and went down Foundry street. Many people ran in that direction expecting to see the horse and wagon all mixed up, but when the crowd was about half way down the hill they met the runner coming back still drawing the wagon, and they were not slow in climbing the bank and letting him pass. He turned the corner and ran through Main street, narrowly escaping several teams, turned the corner at Central street, went around the corner of Harwood's restaurant and in trying to go through the narrow gate in the fence back of the restaurant cleared himself from the wagon and trotted across into Marcy's livery stable, where he was put in a stall and hitched. The wagon was badly damaged, the shafts being broken and the top completely wrecked. The horse sustained a few scratches. At no time was he travelling so fast but he might have been stopped had it not been for the fact that the bridle had fallen off and was dragging under the wheels, leaving nothing by which to control the animal.

District Court.

Considerable business has been transacted at the session of the district court during the week. On Saturday Patrick Murphy was up for assault. He was fined the costs of the proceedings, which he paid. Joseph Muharorki, a Bondsville Pole, was fined $7 for larceny.

Tuesday morning Morris Bondrop appeared on a charge of drunkenness. He was found Monday evening about 11 o'clock by Officer Eastman, lying on Walnut street, dead drunk. He was put on probation until to-morrow.

Wednesday Thomas Gorman of Boston, a youth of 18 years, faced the court for drunkeness. He was arrested at the depot Tuesday evening. When asked if he wanted to be a drunkard, Gorman replied that he did not want to be drunk all the time, but when asked if he wanted to be drunk any of the time he evaded the question in a manner which inferred that a drink now and then was not against his principles. He was fined $5, which he drew from his inside pocket and paid. After being given some good advice he was discharged.

CLASS OF '97, PALMER HIGH SCHOOL.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION.

A Parade in the Morning. Races on the Park in the Afternoon.

Preparations for the Fourth of July are rapidly being perfected, and every indication points to a grand and successful affair. Nine different trades in town are making preparations to be represented in the procession, and many others are to do likewise. Everybody who rides a wheel, from a tandem to a three-wheeled velocipede, is invited to participate in the section of the parade reserved for wheelmen. Costumes can be made up to suit the taste and fancy of the rider, and with the wheels decorated, this section should prove one of the most attractive. Another feature, not counted upon at first, but one of the most pleasing, will be the parade of the Palmer fire department. The engine will be tastefully decorated with red, white and blue bunting, and will be drawn by four horses. The other machines, also decorated, will be in line and the full company of firemen in uniform with the "jumper." The chief and assistant engineers, with the prudential committee, will ride in a carriage. The boys will make every effort to appear at their best. Music will be furnished by the Coulmbian band of Thorndike. It is intended to have the procession cover nearly every street in the fire district.

In the afternoon there will be an attraction never before seen in Palmer at the driving park. A well-known running horse, W. J. Knowlton the crack bicyclist, and G. F. Thacker, the crack long-distance runner of Monson Academy, will contest for supremacy. The horse vs. the bicycle will be the first of these races. It will be half mile heats, best 2 in 3, between a tandem ridden by two fast riders and the running horse. The bicycle vs. the sprinter will be another of this interesting series. W. J. Knowlton, with a half mile record of 1 08, will be pitted against G. F. Thacker, the sprinter, with a quarter mile record of 55 seconds. To equalize the team Knowlton will be given a flying start and 10 seconds. At the report of the pistol Thacker will start from the quarter pole for the tape. This will be of more interest than an ordinary race. Other events will be a novice bicycle race, a half-mile race for Palmer riders, a half-mile race for Monson riders, a one-mile race,—Monson vs. Palmer, which will be paced,—a one-mile potato race for boys, and an open two-mile handicap race. In addition W. J. Knowlton will endeavor to lower the track record of 1 05, now held by George L. Bates, professional, of Springfield. All the events are sanctioned by the L. A. W. The races will be called at 3 p. m. Admission is 25 cents, with no charge for teams.

Marriage of a Former Palmer Boy in California.

Many Palmer people will be interested in the following account, from the San Francisco *Post*, of the marriage at California on the 9th of Arthur John Holden of Bennington, Vt., formerly of Palmer, where his boyhood was spent and where he is well known:

It was what is technically called a pink wedding that took place Wednesday evening, June 9, at the beautiful home of Hon. and Mrs. John C. Coleman, 1834 California street, San Francisco. The bride was their lovely daughter, Miss Francis Louise, a beautiful brunette of medium height, whose charming ways have endeared her to a host of friends. She is accomplished in many ways, especially in music. The groom was Arthur John Holden of Boston, who is interested in several large factories in New England, and is a man who possesses the esteem of all who have met him. With intelligence, love and wealth on both sides, the marriage should certainly terminate most happily. The commodious residence had received every possible attention from the hands of the decorators, and every room reveled in the prime tone of pink in blossoms that had graced field, glen and conservatory. Probably the prettiest effect was the bridal bower in the main salon, a charming creation of verdant foliage relieved by pink blossoms and illuminated by pink incandescent electric lights. The string orchestra was stationed out in the hall behind a hedge of palms and ferns. About 100 relatives and friends were present at 8.30 o'clock, when the bridal party assembled beneath the pink bower and the happy couple were united in wedlock by Rev. Robert Mackensie. Miss Sara Coleman, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor, and Miss Alice Boggs of San Francisco and Miss Emma Robbins of Suisun were the bridesmaids. John C. Coleman, Jr., acted as best man. The bride never looked prettier than in her wedding robe of white satin with a long court train and draperies of fine white net. The corsage was high, with bouffant shoulders and a delicate finish of point applique lace and orange blossoms. The long sleeves of lace fell over her ungloved hands, where rings of diamonds and rubies glistened resplendently. There was a dainty wreath of orange blossoms in her coiffure, which held in place the veil of white silk moleine that rippled voluminously to the end of the court train. Her hand bouquet was of Czarina Victoria Augusta roses. Her pretty sister as maid of honor was becomingly attired in a modish gown of pail pink satin, en train, graced with flounces of white net, which were edged with Duchess lace. The corsage was cut low, the sleeves were long, and a sash of net gave a pretty finish to the gown. The bridesmaids were charmingly attired in gowns or pink crepe de chine en demi-train. They carried shower bouquets of Duchess of Albany roses. Mrs. John C. Coleman, mother of the bride, wore an elegant gown of brocaded violet-colored satin, en train, trimmed with tinted jets to harmonize, and point lace. Her ornaments were diamonds. Mrs. John S. Holden, mother of the groom, who came all the way from Bennington, Vt., with her husband to see her son married, looked superb in a gown of brocaded rose-colored satin, trimmed with chiffon to match and point lace. She wore some elegant diamonds as ornaments. When the ceremony and congratulations were over a bounteous supper was served and the evening was delightfully passed. The wedding presents were many and beautiful, among them being several certified checks for large amounts. Mr. and Mrs. Holden left on Thursday for a brief southern trip and will return to San Francisco for a while before proceeding to their future home in Boston.

Stage and Team Collide.

The afternoon stage from Fiskdale collided with another team between Fiskdale and Brimfield last Friday afternoon. The stage was coming down a hill while several large wood wagons were ascending. The latter had stopped to rest and were not seen by the driver of the stage, which was coming down at good speed, until it was too late to stop. An attempt was made to turn out and pass the wagon, but it did not succeed and a collision was the result, in which the stage fared the worse. The passengers, including a number of women, were thrown out and more or less shaken up. W. W. Converse of Palmer was a passenger in the stage and was badly bruised and sustained several painful injuries. He was removed to his home here and attended by Dr. Schneider. He is now somewhat improved, but is able to move about only with the aid of crutches and then with great difficulty.

Grammar School Graduations.

Graduation exercises were held by all four of the grammar schools of the town this afternoon, and were attended by large audiences. In all 31 students have prepared for the high school, and the entering class next fall is likely to be large. All receiving diplomas in the grammar departments will enter the high school without further examination; should there be others who wish to enter they will be given an examination by Superintendent Small before school begins in September.

New Member of the School Board. Teachers Elected For Next Year.

At a meeting of the selectmen and school committee last Saturday William E. Hall of Bondsville was elected a member of the school committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. D. Fuller.

It was voted to secure a teacher who could teach both music and drawing, and so get the entire time of a teacher. Now drawing is taught two days a week and music none. Teachers for the coming year were elected as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL—W. H. Small, Miss Anna L. Fiskerdick, Miss Grace G. Rickey, Miss Henrietta Pratt.

PALMER—Miss Clara D. Eddy, Miss M. M. Bunnell, Miss Helen L. Robinson, Miss Mabel J. Sedgwick, Mrs. Ellen S. Leach, Miss Annie E. Tucker.

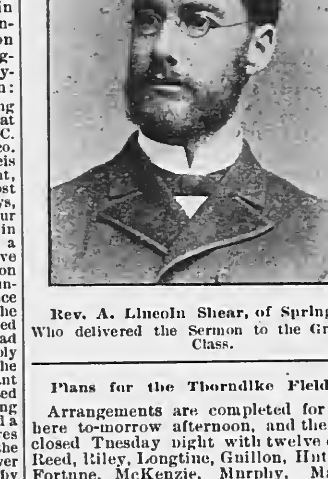
THORNDIKE—Miss Emma F. Barney, Miss E. F. Taylor, Miss Annie E. O'Connor, Miss Cora B. Clark, Miss Lizzie G. Clifford, Mrs. Mary E. Murdock.

THREE RIVERS—Miss Helen L. Sweet, Miss Jennie C. Twiss, Miss S. Beulah Thayer, Miss Kate M. Twiss, Miss Annie B. Crane.

BONDSVILLE—Miss Dora P. Cleveland, Miss Harriet B. Thayer, Miss Ellie W. Moffatt, Miss Maggie T. Shea, Miss Mary C. Whelan.

WIRE MILL—Miss B. M. Dowd; PALMER CENTER—Miss Lucy B. Twiss; MASON—Miss Annie A. Bishop.

Vacancies at Forest Lake and the Shorley district are to be filled later. Miss Pratt, who takes the place in the high school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Faunce, is a graduate of Vassar, and has had five years experience in teaching. Her home is in West Acton.



Rev. A. Lincoln Shear, of Springfield, Who delivered the Sermon to the Graduating Class.

Plans for the Thorndike Field Day.

Arrangements are completed for the race here to-morrow afternoon, and the entrees closed Tuesday night with twelve entered: Reed, Riley, Longtine, Guillon, Hutchinson, Fortune, McKenzie, Murphy, Matthews, Gebo, Laplant, Smith. The race promises to be of much interest and a large crowd is assured. The road has been put into as good a condition as possible through the kindness of Agent Hobbs, and with fair weather nothing will mar the occasion. The following will have charge of the race: Starter, E. D. Tufts; timer, G. C. Stanchfield; scorer, A. B. C. Deming, Jr.; handicappers, D. F. Sullivan, P. McKelligett and Jerry Gebo. After the race, which will be held at 2 p. m. sharp, the ball game between the Three Rivers and Thorndikes will take place; batteries, Sullivan and Fleming, Sugrue and Ryecroft. M. Kennedy of Allegany College, and Otis Sedgwick of Brown University will play on the home team. In the evening a dance will be held at Union Hall, with music by the Palmer Orchestra, which will close the day's sport.

PALMER.

Dance at Forest Lake, Saturday, June 26, p. m.

Clearance Sale.—Wall Papers, 3c roll and upwards. Bargains, don't miss them. L. A. Conant.

Bicycles at Auction.

1897 Models. Come and get a wheel at your own price. All high grade wheels. Sale positive at 2 p. m. and 7.15 p. m. Saturday, June 26, 1897. Place of sale in store under Nassowanno Hotel.

Fred Gunn of Boston visited friends here Sunday.

C. W. Hastings of Boston was home over Sunday.

C. R. LeGro visited friends in Amherst this week.

Mr. Ross will preach in the Advent chapol next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sheldon spent Sunday in Worcester.

A dance will be held in the pavillion at Forest Lake to-morrow afternoon.

A. O. Allen, janitor of the bank block, is watching at the bank during noon hours.

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Barton of Spencer were guests at the home of F. D. Barton Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins have been spending part of the week in Milford, N. H.

Miss Etta Dwyer of Woodstock, Ct., is visiting her brother, T. J. Dwyer of Walnut street.

H. B. Wheeler has commenced work on the house he is to build west of the Point of Rocks.

Mrs. George O. Henry will occupy her cottage at Forest Lake during July and August.

Thomas Blanchard has sold his trotter, "Balbriggan," to George W. Burdick of Monson.

Dr. E. S. Bryant attended a meeting of the Valley District Dental Society at Springfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Rockford, Ill., are guests at the home of Dr. William Holbrook.

Miss Eloise Stone has been attending commencement exercises at Harvard university this week.

Dr. Bancroft and wife of Southbridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Parkhurst this week.

Mrs. Hiram Randall has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Westfield.

Misses Christa and Lillian Park of Brattleboro, Vt., are guests at the home of W. H. Hitchcock.

Fred Farrar, night clerk at the Converse House, is enjoying a vacation at West Providence, R. I.

Miss Nellie M. Haley, teacher of the Brimfield Center school, is the guest of her cousin, Miss May Wilder.

Miss Alice Sedgwick of South Belchertown has been the guest of her brother, G. F. Sedgwick, this week.

C. D. Holbrook, grain dealer, has purchased a new horse of Springfield parties for use on his delivery wagon.

Rev Mr. Graham leaves for San Francisco next Tuesday to attend the Christian Endeavor convention in that city.

The prizes for the bicycle races on the park the Fourth are on exhibition in the window of F. D. Barton's jewelry store.

There will be an auction sale of bicycles in the store under the Nassowanno Hotel to-morrow afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Samuel Ashworth and daughter May of Rockdale were the guests of Mrs. W. C. Burnett of Squier street this week.

Mrs. P. Webber and grandson, George Oswald, of Rockville, Ct, are visiting Mrs. Webber's daughter, Mrs. C. R. Hoppe.

Mr. Butler of Tenneyville has rented the farm of S. W. Lawrence on the Thorndike road, and moved his family there this week.

One civil entry, J. F. Holbrook vs. Sherman M. Stebbins, in action of contract, was made in the district court last Saturday.

The selectmen will hold their regular monthly meeting next Thursday instead of on the first Monday of the month as usual.

Miss Lula Dillon of Bridgewater Normal School and Miss Ola Northrop of Mt. Holyoke College are home for the summer vacation.

Decorations in the Union Church, Three Rivers, in honor of the Graduating Class.

Bondsville to Celebrate the Fourth.

Arrangements are being made for an extensive celebration of the Fourth of July in Bondsville. It is expected there will be sports during the day, such as a tub race on the river, bicycle race, sack race, potato race, a 100-yards dash for the B. D. Co. overseers, and numerous other sports for which prizes will be offered. In the evening an elaborate exhibition of fireworks will be given. Papers have been in circulation to raise money for the purpose, and considerably over $100 have been raised for fireworks alone. It promises to be the largest celebration Bondsville has indulged in for a good many years.

The 13-months-old son of Guiseppe Rezzoagli, the fruit dealer, died last evening of bronchitis, after an illness of a number of weeks. The body was taken to New York this afternoon for burial next Sunday.

Miss Mary S. Hitchcock and Henry S. Howe of Warren were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mary S. Foster of Thorndike street, over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Smith has been attending the commencement exercises of Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt. Miss Smith is a graduate of the seminary.

Rev. Benj. D. Hahn of the State Street Baptist church, Springfield, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Daniel Finnerty, for a number of years employed as spinner in Holden & Fuller's mill, has resigned his position and taken one in Warren.

Miss Katherine Haley of Brimfield, a graduate of the Hitchcock Free High School, class of '97, spent a portion of the week with relatives in town.

Charles Carey has accepted a position as traveling salesman between Worcester and Springfield for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company of the latter city.

The regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening. The second degree was worked on two candidates at the last meeting.

In another column the school committee calls for bids for the transportation of the high school scholars from Bondsville, Thorndike and Three Rivers. Bids will close the 12th of July.

The Spiritualist camp meeting season has opened at Lake Pleasant, and the New London Northern road is selling round-trip tickets from Palmer for $1.45, good returning until September 15th.

Arthur Franklin Smith of Palmer and Miss Ida Bolles of Wilbraham were married at the bride's home Wednesday. After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home on Pleasant street.

Several young people attended the strawberry festival at Silver Street which was held for the benefit of the chapel fund. A quartette composed of Messrs. Taylor, Minard, Weld and Wood sang several selections.

Mrs. Lelah Swearingen left for her home in Nebraska Wednesday evening. The employes in E. A. Buck & Co's. store, where Mrs. Swearingen has been employed, presented her with a dozen of solid silver tea-spoons.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter announces that all ladies who purchase hats or bonnets with trimmings at her store to-morrow will be entitled to have the same trimmed free of charge. The advertisement will be found in another column.

The Forest Lake Company offers the usual attractions at the lake for the celebration of the Fourth. Music for dancing will be furnished by Clark & Dean's orchestra. Charles Martin will prompt and F. O. Royce will be floor director.

Rev. O. G. Petrie and A. E. Peterson will sail July 14th on the steamer St. Louis of the American line for a European trip. Mr. Petrie will return about the first of September, but Mr. Peterson will remain abroad for a year's study.

Children's Day was observed at St. Paul's church Sunday. The church was prettily decorated with laurel and potted plants, and a large audience enjoyed the interesting programme, especially the concert in the evening. Two children were baptized.

H. S. Hobson attended the annual reunion of the Kearsarge survivors at Gloucester Saturday, held in celebration of the 33d anniversary of the sinking of the rebel privateer Alabama off Cherbourg, France, June 19, 1864, by the U. S. S. Kearsarge.

At the special meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church last Friday evening these officers were chosen: President, D. L. Bodfish; vice president, Mrs. W. H. Higgins; secretary, Miss Ellie Shaw; treasurer, Miss Mabel Sedgwick.

Charles George has taken a position as agent for E. K. Wilson, the mail contractor, and will at once begin work sub-letting the many contracts which his employer has throughout the state. He is assigned the route which J. M. Wilson, Jr., was to have taken but for his enforced vacation in Springfield.

Thomas Lodge, F. and A. M., will attend a St. John's day service at the Universalist church next Sunday at 5 p. m. A special sermon will be preached by Rev. O. G. Petrie. Revere Chapter, Eastern Star, will attend the service by invitation of Thomas Lodge. The public will also be welcomed at the church.

Dr. William Holbrook returned Tuesday from his trip to New York, where he has been taking electrical treatment, and reports that he is much improved. He returned in order to be at home on his birthday, Wednesday, an anniversary of which his wide circle of acquaintances will wish him many and happy recurrences.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. C. R. Minard will take for his subject, "Cycle No. 2." Next Sunday marks the close of Rev. Mr. Minard's second year as pastor of the church. Mr. Minard's pastorate thus far has been one of much happiness to him and profit to the church, and everything points to a successful continuance of the same.

Reed Cleveland appeared before the court Wednesday morning, and having completed the performance of sentence imposed upon him in his recent conviction for illegal liquor selling, was discharged. A hearing was also held this week regarding the liquor seized upon his premises, which was ordered forfeited to the commonwealth by the court and sent to the chief of the district police.

Rev. F. E. Jenkins sailed from Boston Wednesday afternoon on the Cestrian, for his European trip, given him by the parishioners of his church. He expects to land at Liverpool about a week from to-day, and will visit places of interest in England and Scotland, and also contemplates a trip to the continent. He has taken his bicycle with him and will make use of the wheel in his travels. He will be gone about two months.

E. K. Wilson, the mail contractor of London, Ky., was in town last week and succeeded in sub-letting the contract for carrying the mail from Fiskdale to Palmer. It has been let in two sections. Mr. George, the present carrier, has signed a contract for the run leaving Fiskdale in the morning, and leaving Palmer on the return trip at 2.15 p. m. Mr. Brouthers of Palmer Center has taken the contract for the run leaving Palmer at 8.50 a. m. and Fiskdale on the return at 1 p. m.

The handsomest strawberries of the season were shown by W. A. Barnes this morning. Of a dark red color, some almost glossy in appearance, they made a fine showing on account of their size, many measuring five and six inches in circumference. And what is unusual for a berry of this size, they were hard and solid, and of good flavor and decided character, of which the box left on the editor's desk gave undisputed evidence. They were picked on the Calkins farm west of the village.

There was a disappointed body of students at the passanger station Wednesday afternoon. The 1.38 train from the west was eight minutes late and the south-bound train on the New London Northern road didn't wait, so that about thirty young women who came over the B. and A. road expecting to go toward New London were compelled to put in the afternoon "doing" Palmer. One party hired a barge at a livery stable and was driven about the village and surroundings.

F. H. White, a well-known manager of out-door attractions among the youth of the town, has made arrangements for three grand bicycles races on the park July 10th. The races will be for one mile, a half, and a quarter. About eighteen riders ranging in age from 10 to 15 have entered and are practicing daily. After the races there will be a ball game between a Three Rivers team and the Eagle Athletic Club team. Admission to all these events can be obtained at the exceedingly low price of 10 cents.

A watch was lost and recovered under peculiar circumstances a few days ago. A dressmaker missed her timepiece after a certain customer, a young woman, had departed, and was sure it could have disappeared in no other manner. An officer was sent to interview the young woman, but she declared that she knew nothing of the matter. Later in the day however her mother sent word to the officer that she was sure her daughter knew where the watch was and that he had better come to the house again. He did so, and this time the watch was found done up in paper and buried in the woods.

A murder was committed on Main street Wednesday morning just before seven o'clock, when several dogs made a combined attack on a poor helpless cat and soon deprived the unfortunate animal of her earthly existence. The cat was seized by one of her assailants, a large bull dog, and shaken with terrible force and then left to die, her life blood oozing from her mouth. The horrible deed was witnessed by a large number of pedestrians, and many expressed their sympathy for poor pussy. The owner of the dog most concerned in the affair administered a chastizement which the animal will doubtless remember for some time.

The friends of G. F. Thacker of Monson, the sprinter, have interviewed the management of the Fourth of July attraction at the park and stated that in the race between Knowlton and Thacker as advertised the runner would be placed under a bad handicap and be unable to win. They base their claims on the fact that Knowlton is to ride on the very track where he made the record by which his start in the match race is governed. On the other hand they claim that Thacker cannot do his best time on the track here without several weeks of training, and he would consequently be placed at a disadvantage. The management in arranging the race figured as closely as possible to equalize the time, but admit that they overlooked the fact brought to their attention by Thacker's friends, and will arrange the matter satisfactorily to all concerned.

The regular quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Palmer Savings Bank was held on Monday, and the auditors reported the securities of the bank in excellent condition, notwithstanding the protracted period of business depression. The statement of the bank, which will be found in full on another page, shows that the deposits have increased $33,315 during the past year, the guaranty fund $3000, and the profit and loss account $6067. The present assets are $1,172,705.26, an increase of $43,429 since June 15th, 1896. The regular semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent, free of taxes, was declared, payable July 1st. By an enactment of the General Court at its recent session, money deposited during the first three days of each quarter will commence to draw interest from the first of the month. This will be a convenience fully appreciated by the depositors.

PALMER CENTER.

Mrs. Miller of Ware is the guest of Mrs. Lamb.

Miss Brown and Mrs. Mahoney returned Tuesday from New London.

Laurence Brouthers of this place has taken the contract to carry the mail leaving Palmer in the morning for Fiskdale, and returning to Palmer in the afternoon.

School closed this afternoon with an interesting programme by the children. Miss Whalen, the teacher, has been transferred to No. 1 in Bondsville. These scholars have not been absent nor tardy this term: Willie Crimmins, Maggie Mahoney, Agnes Mahoney. Eddie McCormack was absent one half day, and Josie Mahoney was not absent but was tardy once. Agnes Mahoney, aged 6, has been neither absent nor tardy during the school year.

THORNDIKE.

Dance at Forest Lake, Saturday, June 26, p. m.

W. F. Dutton of Cleveland, O., is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. A. Murdock.

Miss Minnie Scannel of Charlestown is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Crowley.

The Columbian band will give another concert this evening, weather permitting.

The Thorndike Juniors defeated the Palmer Orioles on Saturday by a score of 10 to 8.

John Keefe, Jr., a member of the Columbian Band, has gone to work at the seashore for the summer.

Miss Mary Murphy, who has been spending several weeks' vacation in Worcester, has returned home.

Mr. William H. Sanford, who has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Talor, returned to his home in Slatersville, R. I., Monday morning.

Matthew Breen met with an accident on Thursday while riding his wheel. He took a header and struck on his elbow, which was dislocated. Dr. J. C. Boulay attended him.

Messrs. Nephew and Belare, who were the managers of the dance on Friday evening at Exchange Hall, took "French leave" "after the ball," and did not pay for the hall. Their whereabouts are unknown.

The Thorndikes will be made up as follows for to-morrow's game with the Three Rivers: Fleming, p, Sullivan, c, M. Kennedy, Longtine, Chapman, T. Kennedy, Sedgwick, Roach and Hurley; Longtine, Riley and Murphy, substitutes.

A new ball team has been organized with the following players: D. Fortier, c; W. Fortier, p; Clark, 1b; J. Rouillard, 2b; J. Bresett, 3b; Rouillard, ss; Mannie, rf; Hobbs, cf; Chabbott, lf. They are known as the Thorndike Juniors.

THREE RIVERS.

Dance at Forest Lake, Saturday, June 26, p. m.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Miss Nellie Rathburn is visiting her parents in Sterling, Ct., for two or three weeks.

Miss Lena Lavine has gone to Sterling, Ct., for a visit of two or three weeks with friends.

Miss Ella Holt of Norwich, Ct., formerly a resident of this place, is visiting Miss Nettie Trickett.

L. M. Stone started for Texas last Saturday, where he has accepted a position as overseer of weaving.

W. O. Twogood, who has been visiting friends in New London for a couple of weeks, has returned much improved in health.

Miss Annis Avery is attending the high school graduating exercises and reception at the Enfield High School in Thompsonville, Ct., this week.

Mr. Bracket, who has been painting the roofs of the Palmer mill and brick blocks, has finished his work and has gone to Ware to do some work for the Otis Co.

Harry Newell started for the West last Saturday, where he will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks. Mr. Newell has not been feeling very well for some time, and is changing climate in the hopes of regaining his health again.

F. E. Hillman's little boy, about eighteen months old, became suddenly ill last Sunday evening. He was taken with a fit at 6.30, and remained in that condition until the next morning; when he came out of it it was discovered that one side was helpless, so much so that he could not move hand or foot. Later he could move a little, and at last accounts was improving slowly.

Harry Lewis Tenney of Marlboro, son of D. E. Tenney of this place, died last week Monday morning of celebro spinal meningitis. Mr. Tenney was a very popular young man in Marlboro, and was a gradute of the Marlboro high school of the class of '96. He had been living with his uncle, having been legally adopted at the death of his own mother, when but seven months old.

BONDSVILLE.

Dance at Forest Lake, Saturday, June 26, p. m.

Otis W. Sedgwick of Brown University is home for the summer vacation.

Harry Sharratt of Maine State College is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Searing of New York have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Parsons this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of New York city are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James Miller at South Belchertown.

John Moynahan of Lowell, who was formerly master mechanic for the Boston Duck Co., visited friends here Wednesday.

Miss Josie E. Shea has resigned her position as teacher in the public schools at Bondsville and will teach in Rhode Island the coming school year.

Rev. R. E. Smith will preach in Enfield next Sunday morning, exchanging with Rev. Mr. Furgeson. Mr. Smith will preach at the home church in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Parent, Miss Mabel E. Ryther and Miss Carrie Thompson attended the commencement exercises at Smith College this week. Miss Ora Parent graduated this term.

Mrs. William Rowe died quite suddenly Sunday morning of congestion of the heart. The funeral was held Tuesday, the remains being taken to Wilton, N. H., for burial beside her mother.

Patrick Fitzgerald, Mrs. Patrick Clifford, Misses Katy and Delia Clifford attended the graduation exercises at Westfield Tuesday. Miss Lizzie Clifford of this place was a member of the graduation class.

The first ball nine went to Enfield last Saturday and defeated the Enfield nine by the score of 12 to 7. The second nine went to Belchertown Saturday and was defeated 20 to 19. According to reports the game was very exciting, and came very near causing a riot.

It looks at the present time as though there would be considerable change in the corps of teachers when the school reopens in the fall. Nearly all of the teachers of the past year have given splendid satisfaction to parents having children at school, and they would be very sorry to have some of the teachers leave.

Henry E. Bolton, one of the old residents of the village, is seriously ill and his recovery is considered doubtful. Mr. Bolton had a paralytic shock last Saturday, and has not yet recovered. He lies in an unconscious state, being unable to move or talk. His two sons, Edmund of Holyoke and Elliot of Greenfield, are with him, but he does not recognize them.

The appointment by the selectmen and school board of William E. Hall as a member of the school committee seems to give general satisfaction in the village. Mr. Hall has been a resident of this village about two years, being superintendent of the Boston Duck Co's. mill. He is very well liked by the people in the village, and would seem to be a first-class man for the position he is called to fill.

A Pole named Joseph Mahonski got into a little trouble last Friday night, and as a result was taken to Palmer by Officer Collins. The local Polish merchant owed Mahonski a sum of money, and the latter went to the store and asked for it. The storekeeper, who was counting out some money for another party, replied that he could not pay him at that time, upon which Mahonski made a grab for the money and ran away with it. He was taken to Palmer and staid in the lockup over night, then paid a fine of $10 in the morning.

TO RENT.—Paint Shop, South Main street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 12-tf

TO RENT.—Small tenement in Commercial Block. C. D. HOLBROOK. 9-tf

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FOR SALE.—Standing grass, by the lot, lump, or ton. Just as you want it. 13-2 A. D. NORCROSS, Monson.

LOST.—Near Burleigh's Crossing, Thursday, June 10th, Fox Terrier Pup, answers to the name of "Gyp." Reward if returned to 13-1 E. D. TUFTS, Palmer, Mass.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—

My wife having left my bed and board, I hereby forbid anyone furnishing her goods on my account, as I shall not hold myself responsible for the same. Monson, Mass., June 24th, 1897. 13-3 J. M. HOUCK.

TOWN OF PALMER.
SELECTMEN'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the July meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Palmer will be held Thursday, July 1, instead of the first Monday in the month. 13-1

TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

The School Committee will receive bids for the transportation of High School pupils from Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville, and return, for the next school year, until 12 o'clock, noon, Monday, July 12th.

Vehicles and drivers must be satisfactory to the committee. Bids must be sealed, marked "Transportation," and mailed to W. H. Small, Secretary.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
Palmer, Mass., June 25th, 1897. 13-3

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Gustavo Lafontaine of Palmer, Mass., to Joseph H. Desmarais, dated February 1st, 1896, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 542, folio 155, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the seventeenth day of July, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon and all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto appertaining and belonging, lying in Three Rivers in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south side of the highway leading from said Three Rivers to Thorndike, at the northwest corner of land lately occupied by Justus Pease, thence westerly on said highway about seven and one-half rods to corner of land of heirs of Silas Ruggles, deceased, thence on said heirs land southerly about three rods to the highway leading from said Three Rivers to the Marble Ferrell place so-called, thence easterly on said last named highway about seven and one-half rods to land now or late of said Pease, thence on last named land northerly about five rods to the point of departure, containing about thirty-five rods of land, more or less, subject to the right of Susan A. Green and others during the life of said Susan A. to use the private way as the same now runs along the easterly side of the said premises, also to any right the said Susan A. may have in the fence around said premises and the right to remove the same.

The premises are subject to a previous mortgage due Andrew Pinney amounting to about $343, the exact amount of which will be stated at the time of sale—also to the taxes of the current year.

$300 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

JOSEPH H. DESMARAIS,
by W. W. LEACH, his Attorney.
Palmer, Mass., June 21st, 1897. 13-3

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Mary Sullivan, late of Palmer, Mass., deceased, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and having its usual place of business at said Palmer, dated May 12th, 1888, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 411, folio 194, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the third day of July, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A tract of land with buildings thereon situate in said Palmer and known as lot No. 50, on plan of lands formerly owned by M. W. French and Albert Burleigh, which plan is recorded in the aforesaid Registry Book 293, page 601. Said lot being bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southerly side of Park street at corner of lot No. 49, on said plan and thence running easterly along said street about 7 rods to corner of lot No. 51, the same now occupied by the Advent chapel; thence southerly about 5 rods to land of Mary Sedgwick; thence westerly by land of said Sedgwick about 7 rods to lot No. 49; thence by said lot No. 49 to the point of departure, containing thirty-one square rods of land, more or less.

$200 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.
by W. W. LEACH, its Attorney.
Palmer, Mass., June 10, 1897. 11-3

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 1897.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Dance at Forest Lake, Saturday, June 26, p. m.

THE ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT.

A Week of Interest to All Connected With the Institution.

Monson Academy has closed its 93d and most successful year, 121 students having been enrolled. The instructors of the past year have all been reëlected, and will probably all return with the exception of Dr. Newhall, who has been appointed professor of Greek in Kenyon College, Ohio. There will be an additional teacher the coming year in science and English.

Commencement exercises began Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon at the Congregational church. The audience room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by members of the senior class. The pulpit platform was banked with laurel and ferns, while on either side of the pulpit were jardenieres filled with purple honeysuckles, the class flowers. The ushers were members of the junior class. A quartette led by Mrs. Arthur D. Norcross furnished excellent music. Dr. Lamson of Hartford, Ct., delivered a fine sermon, taking for his subject "Reverence."

Public examinations were held at the Academy Monday, and a large number were present. The annual meeting of the trustees was also held during the afternoon. The board will be the same as last year with the exception that Arthur D. Norcross was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Julius H. Ward of Boston. The trustees voted at their meeting to remit the tuition of any needy student of good mind and good character who should graduate from the Academy in the future, whatever his calling might be. Reports were given by the various officers of the corporation, showing the prosperous condition of the institution.

Class day exercises were held Monday evening. After the planting of the ivy, the students and their friends assembled in the Academy chapel, where pleasing exercises were rendered as follows, W. Eugene Manchester presiding: Ivy essay, Miss Helen M. Pease; class history, Miss Edith G. Sutcliffe; prophecy, Miss Maude Aldrich; statistics, Julius B. Glover; class will, Harry L. Needham; class poem written by Mr. Manchester, read by Miss Leola M. Bradway.

The commencement was held at Memorial Hall Tuesday morning, and was largely attended by the citizens and many from out of town. The platform was prettily trimmed by the juniors, the decorations being laurel and ferns on the platform with flags and bunting for a background; flags were also draped from the gallery, while above the platform was suspended the class motto, "Still Higher," in purple letters, also the letters "L. H. P." the class secret. The ushers were from the junior class. The Philharmonic Orchestra of Springfield furnished music during the exercises of the day and evening. The trustees, local clergy, teachers and seniors were seated upon the platform, the school occupying seats in the center of the hall. The names of the graduates follow: Classical course—John Francis Lambert, Monson; scientific—Mabel Jennie Bowe, Agawam, Edith Gertrude Sutcliffe, Monson; academic—Leola Maria Bradway, Elizabeth Teresa Curley, William Eugene Manchester, Harry Leslie Needham, Monson; Julius Bruce Glover, Somers, Ct.

The address to the class was by Rev. Dr. Moxom of Springfield, and was unusually fine. The speaker said, in part:

A sense of grateful exhilaration comes naturally to one who has completed a course of study. No matter though the course is but a layer of the foundation on which one is to build, something is done. It is a proud and happy moment. With the pride and happiness all generous souls sympathize. What one has really attained is seldom clear in the consciousness of the graduate. Growth is not self-conscious. There is need of the clarifying process of reflection and experience. The soldier in barracks does not know what he has done and what has been done for him by drill and discipline until he comes upon the march or into the battlefield. There results consciousness as they appear in action. What has the school done for you? What is it doing for you who have not yet completed the course?

Let us consider this question: "What is the function of the school?" To give an education? But that is the work of a life time. Knowledge, accomplishments? Yes. But the function of the school is first: To awaken and train faculty. Important as is the actual gain of knowledge here, that is of far less value than the awakening and training of power. Method, discipline and force are main results. Learning how to use the mind is the chief benefit of the school intellectually. Learn to use by using. Learn to use well by right methods and discipline of will. Discipline is giving temper and edge to tools. Method is economy in use of tools. Hard, methodical work disciplins the will.

Second: To create and develop taste. Not merely a taste for literature, or science or the arts, though that is important, but something larger,—a taste for the true and the beautiful and the good; power of criticism and power of appreciation. This is *culture*. James Russell Lowell said: "That good taste which is the conscience of the mind, and that conscience which is the good taste of the soul." St. Paul has suggested the best definition of culture. "This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that ye may approve things that are excellent; is to discriminate the true from the false, the noble from the base, the beautiful from the ugly, and to develop an appetite for the true, the noble and the beautiful everywhere and in everything. This is one of the finest results of school training—a result that your teachers care more about than your proficiency in special studies.

Third: To form high ideals, both of culture and of character. Youth is capacity for ideals, but some never grow old. True and high ideals are found under the guidance of that taste which has already been described. The process of education is never merely intellectual, it is also moral. It goes on not only in the study and the class-room, but also in the play-ground, in association with teachers and fellow pupils, and in the spaces of solitude and silence. As knowledge increases and discipline comes and taste develops, the power to create for one's self high ideals increases. The real aims and ends of life come more and more clearly into view. In childhood moral habits before principles, but *here* principles in ideals. You are determining what you are to be, not as scholars merely, but as mature personalities. Education in the large sense is the making of a man—the making of a woman. Power, taste, ideal aims are significant results of your life in school. The school that gives you discipline of faculty and will, accurate perceptions of values and taste for the best, and a high culture and character, has done for you a work of immeasurable worth. But it does this for you, and as you are coöperative react upon teaching, and voluntarily school yourselves in the direction in which you are guided.

So much for the life in school. The school has done its work for you who have finished the course. What shall you do now? This is but a beginning. You have been acting as well as acted upon. You have received an impulse, you have developed an impulse or tendency within yourselves. Toward what and along what lines?

First, continue and fulfill the power of self-culture, a vital continuity of intellectual life. Reading—study—use of the mind—these are problems of life. It will not be easy to go on along the line of the impulse received here. Work for bread will tax the energies of some. Social relations and demands of social life will interfere. Resist the tyranny of social conventions. Resist the notion that if you must do something which you have not planned to do you must therefore abandon anything of what you have gained here. The more of a warrior you are the better whatever you do will be done. Make the most of yourselves in all that is good.

Second. Use the power developed here in service to others. The great twin word of culture is service. Culture has its end in being; and being has its expression in service. Take away service and culture becomes unselfish. It loses indeed its finest quality. Return to our definition of culture—"that which is excellent." The question as to how you may serve must be answered in great part under the light of your peculiar circumstances in life. But there are some general thoughts that have pertinency and application to all. 1. Serve by what you are and daily become. This after all is the most effective sort of service. The loftiness of your manifest ideals, the purity of your attainments, and the breadth and genuineness of your sympathy—the total force of your personality will work ever upon others, to bless and help them. For the sake of your school and your teachers, for the sake of humanity and God, be the best. 2. Serve by seeking some positive influential contact with the life about you;—not that you may enjoy merely, but that you may impart. Be ambitious to be helpers. Raise the level of life about you. If your taste is higher, lift others to that. If your ideals are nobler, make them effective for others. If your knowledge is wider, make it a common possession. The temptation to withdraw from crudeness and inappreciation, resist. True culture increases the range of sympathy. Give comfort the comfort of sympathy.

> "God give the skill in comfort's art,
> That thou mayest consecrated be,
> And set apart unto a life of sympathy.
> For heavy lies the weight of ill on every heart,
> And comforters are needed much,
> Of Christ-like touch."

3 Serve by always putting the spiritual above the material; the real above seeming. Life is more than food, and body than raiment. The inversions of life show above substance—having above being. Stand for the ideal; stand for the highest.

The alumni dinner was served by Marcus Keep Woman's Relief Corps in Grand Army hall. The speech-making was entirely informal and was much enjoyed, Lawyer Henry A. King, president of the association, presiding. Mr. King expressed his enjoyment of the address by Dr. Moxom, and added that he favored having a speaker from time to time at least, instead of following the more common plan. He also urged the people to give liberally to the school, and not to let it become merely a high school. He was followed by Rev. F. S. Hatch, Rev. C. A. Dinsmore, Dr. C. O. Thompson, Prof. A. M. Burke and Rev. James Tufts, all of whom seconded his remarks on these points. W. E. Manchester in behalf of the class of '97, and R. H. Cushman moved that a vote of thanks be tended the ladies who provided the excellent lunch. Dr. Moxom was the last speaker.

These officers of the alumni association were elected: President, Henry A. King; vice president, Lyman C. Flynt; secretary and treasurer, Thaddeus L. Cushman; committee of arrangements for the next year's dinner: Dr. Harry A. Merchant, S. Fred Cushman, Mrs. Henry A. King. President King appointed this committee to solicit funds for the Academy: Dr. Fred W. Ellis, Lyman C. Flynt, Thaddeus L. Cushman, Col. C. M. Joslyn of Hartford, Ct., Dr. C. Oscar Thompson of Boston.

The senior reception was held in the Academy chapel Tuesday evening and was a pleasant affair.

Among those present during the exercises of commencement who formerly attended the Academy were Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson and Rev. C. A. Dinsmore of Boston, Mrs. George S. Rollins of Davenport, Ia., Miss Sarah J. Agard of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Louis E. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Leach and Miss Hattie Flynt of Palmer.

Thompson—McIntosh.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thompson was the scene of a very pretty wedding at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when their daughter, Bertha A., was united in marriage to Robert C. McIntosh of Springfield, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Harry Blackford with a ring in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. The parlor where the ceremony was performed was prettily trimmed with evergreen and daisies. In the corner was a bank of hemlock boughs and an arch of daisies and evergreen. The happy couple stood under a floral bell of evergreen and daisies. The bridesmaid was Miss Alice Thompson of Springfield, a niece of the bride, and the best man was F. J. Bidefield of Middletown. They were also attended by two little children, Helen McIntosh of Watertown, Mass., niece of the groom, and Clayton A. Thompson of Springfield. The bride and bridesmaid were both attired in gowns of white organdie with lace and ribbon trimmings. The happy couple left at 6 o'clock for Watertown, to remain until to-day, when they went to Mount Pleasant, Prince Edward Island, the home of the groom. They expect to be absent about a month, and on their return will reside in Springfield, where Mr. McIntosh is employed, and will be at home to their friends after September 1st. Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Thompson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Nelson of Springfield; Miss Ida Butler and Mr. Green of Wilbraham; Misses Edna and Emma Lamphear of Wales.

Fourth of July Celebration.

It has been several years since Monson has had a good rousing Fourth of July celebration, and this year an effort is being made to have more excitement than usual. Plans are already being made by the band to have a grand parade in the forenoon of Monday, July 5th, that day being observed this year as the Fourth comes on Sunday. The plans are to have every bicycle rider in town—men, women and children—in the parade, and every kind of wheel from the ancient to the latest model. The local merchants and tradesmen will have an opportunity to be represented. At a meeting in Memorial Hall Thursday the following committee was appointed: A. D. Norcross, L. C. Flynt, G. L. Keeney, Julius N. Graves and M. L. Miller. The committee will endeavor to get all bicycle riders to enter the parade, and as many merchants to be represented as possible.

Mrs. Frank L. Shaw is visiting relatives in Somerset.

Arthur and Blanche Anderson are visiting relatives in Maine.

St. Patrick's parish will hold a picnic on Flynt's park July 5.

Miss Bessie Germond of Brooklyn is the guest of Mrs. G. C. Flynt.

Mrs. J. A. Talcott left Wednesday for Rochester, N. Y., for the summer.

Misses Marcella and Mamie Coyle have been visiting friends in Stafford Springs.

Mrs. Alfred Wallace returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Hartford.

Prof. G. M. Harmon of Tufts College occupied the pulpit at the Universalist church Sunday.

Charles P. Dow left yesterday on his wheel for Boston, where he will remain through the summer.

Miss Idella Anderson of Great Barrington is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Anderson.

The last regular meeting of A. A. Gage Camp, Sons of Veterans, until September was held at G. A. R. hall Tuesday night.

Some of the members of Day Spring lodge of Masons are planning to attend the observances of St. John's Day at Palmer next Sunday afternoon.

T. J. Lamb, while riding his bicycle up Main street Tuesday, collided with Henry Wood's team near the Universalist church. No damage was done to either party.

At a regular meeting of the Odd Fellows last evening Charles F. Aldrich was elected Noble Grand, and Charles R. Buffington Vice Grand. These officers will soon appoint subordinates.

Ira Belcher has resigned his position with H. M. Butler, the baker, and accepted a similar one in Springfield. He will be succeeded by Henry McNulty of Springfield, formerly of this place.

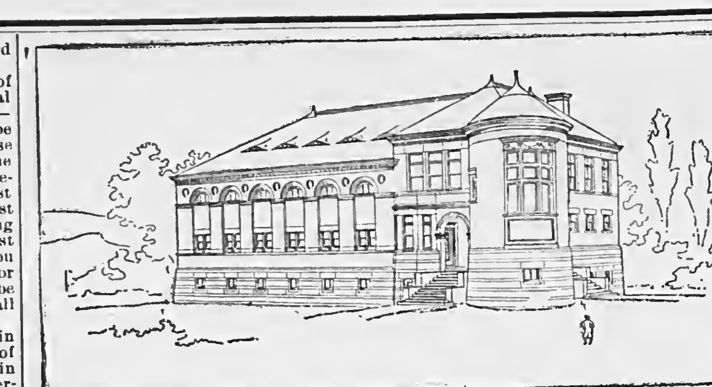
The Veteran Fireman's Association of Springfield has asked the owners of the old fire engine to loan them the old relic to be exhibited at the fireman's muster in Springfield Wednesday, September 1st. Chief Engineer Needham is endeavoring to form a veteran fireman's association in this place.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Monson Coöperative Creamery Association held in Memorial Hall last Saturday afternoon it was voted to assess all stockholders $3 per share. There were but few of the stockholders present at the meeting, but if they all pay, nearly $450 will be raised, which will be used to pay the debts of the association.

A pretty wedding took place at Southwick Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, when their daughter, Minnie E., was married to Eugene J. Foskit of this place by Rev. L. H. Dorchester, pastor of the Methodist church in Westfield. After a brief wedding trip they will reside in Monson in Mr. Foskit's house on North Main street, and will be at home to their friends after July 1st.

Margaret Landers, 36, wife of John Scanlan, an employe at the W. N. Flynt quarry, died Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of about three months, having suffered from a cancer. A few weeks ago she went to the Springfield hospital for treatment, but the trouble was so far advanced that she did not recover. The deceased was born in Ireland, coming to this country about seventeen years ago. She leaves besides a husband, seven children, the oldest being but eleven years. The funeral was held this morning at 9:30 at St. Patrick's church.

Rev. F. S. Hatch left Wednesday morning for Boston, where he took the steamer Cestrian of the Leyland line for Liverpool, where he expects to land July 2d. Mr. Hatch is accompanied by Rev. F. E. Jenkins of Palmer. They will first visit the lake country, and from there to Scotland to the regions of Sir Walter Scott and the Lady of the Lake, then to Sterling Castle and Edinboro. The remainder of the trip will be spent in England, principally in the country. Most of the trip will be made on bicycles, returning home the latter part of August. The following ministers will supply during the absence of Mr. Hatch: June 27th, Prof. Rush Reece of the Newton Theological Seminary; July 4th, Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, editor of the *Congregationalist*; 11th and 18th, Rev. Frederic Alvord, son-in-law of the late Dr. Ely of Newton; 25th, Rev. Alfred Ely Colton, son of the late Theron Colton, and who received his education while his father was pastor here.



Wesleyan Academy's New Gymnasium, Dedicated This Week.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Belle Walker and James Campbell were married last Saturday evening, Rev. John Mason performing the ceremony. Miss Walker has taught for several years in the South street school.

A meeting of the stockholders of the West Warren Coöperative store was held last Friday evening, at which it was voted to curtail the expenses and run the store with smaller stock. It is probable that if the mills do not start up, a lack of business will necessitate the closing of the store.

WALES.

Mrs. J. Patterson's sister and a young lady friend from Webster are visiting her on Main street.

C. M. Thompson and wife have gone on a carriage drive to Dover, in the center part of the state.

Miss Mary Chamberlain, who has been cashier and bookkeeper at W. Chamberlain & Co's. store for two years, has severed her connection there and is to leave town, much to the regret of the patrons of the store. During her stay she has made many friends, whose good wishes go with her wherever she may go.

LUDLOW.

There will be a special town meeting tomorrow to take action on the bridge question.

Rev. E. D. Francis is away on his vacation, and the church will be closed for two weeks.

A pleasant party was held in Masonic hall Saturday evening in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. George Elfinstone, Sr. A musical programme was rendered, followed by refreshments and dancing.

The family of John E. Stevens, agent for the Ludlow Manufacturing Company, sailed for Germany Thursday on the steamer Prince Rupert. Mrs. Stevens and two sons, John, Jr., and Sidney, will return in about a year, but the daughter, Miss Louise, expects to complete her musical education before returning, which will take about two years.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Bertha Noyes of Haverhill is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Oscar F. Brown.

Miss Lena Dunsmore is spending the summer with her sister, Miss Kate Dunsmore of Philadelphia.

Prof. and Mrs. George W. Earl left Tuesday for a week's visit at Rockland, Me., after which they will take a course at the Harvard summer school.

The eighth birthday of Alice, daughter of Dr. R. V. Sawin, was celebrated by a delightful children's party Tuesday. Invitations, about 120 in number, had been sent to all the children in town, and about 70 were in attendance. The party was held on the park under the shade of the big trees, where the children played games and feasted on sandwiches, ice cream, cakes and bon bons. A similar party was given by the little hostess last year, and besides giving many children a happy time, these occasions have afforded a splendid opportunity to make those in different parts of the town acquainted with one another.

BELCHERTOWN.

President Gates of Amherst College was entertained at the Clapp homestead Monday evening.

Candidates for admission to the high school will meet for examination in the high school room next Wednesday.

Mrs. Laura Kent has received news of the death of her brother, Rufus Kent, 77, formerly of Granby, for a number of years a resident of Byers, Michigan.

A. D. Parent, who has made his home in town for several years, will leave next week for Shelbourne Falls, where he will live with his niece, Mrs. Marsden.

Commencement exercises were held at the high school this week. Sunday an able baccalaureate sermon by Rev. G. J. Newton was listened to by the class. Monday evening the graduation exercises were held in the Congregational church. The audience room was prettily decorated with laurel, ferns and daisies. President M. E. Gates of Amherst College delivered the address, which was an able effort and greatly appreciated by all. Merrick A. Morse, chairman of the school committee, presented the diplomas. The graduating class held its reception in Grand Army hall Tuesday evening, at which many invited guests were present.

WARE.

Thomas Mahon has been sent to the house of correction for 30 days for drunkenness.

The selectmen have issued notices forbidding the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks.

The Breckenridge homestead on the Hardwick road has been sold to Sturtevant and Thayer for $4000.

P. J. McLoughlin, the cigar manufacturer, has sold his business located in the Hampshire House block to George Haley.

The Ware and Fiskdale teams will play on the pumping station grounds to-morrow afternoon. Fennell will pitch for Ware, and there will be several other changes in the local team.

An operation was performed on the 16-years-old son of Joseph Landry for appendicitis this week by Drs. Seeleye of Springfield and Ryan and Pearsons of Ware.

Levi W. Robinson has been appointed agent for the United States key registry and accident assurance association for the counties of Worcester and Hampshire. Mr. Robinson will have an office in Worcester.

A contract has been closed by the town authorities with E. P. Morse whereby the town secures the right of taking all the trap rock from his farm necessary to build roads for the next 15 years, at the price of eight cents a gross ton.

S. H. Holmes, who was elected by the school board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Supt. of Schools F. E. Spaulding, has notified the board of his disinclination to serve, as he has been given an increase of salary in his present position at Grafton.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.

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WARREN.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Mary Howe and Mr. Rice, which will take place at Shrewsbury next Tuesday.

The business men claim that trade during the past two weeks has been the dullest for some time. It is estimated that there are nearly 100 empty tenements in town.

The graduation exercises of the grammar school were held in the town hall last Friday afternoon. The programme included exercises in physical science, literature and emergency exercise. The class numbered 31.

The graduating exercises of the Warren high school were held in the town hall Wednesday evening. The address was delivered by Prof. Sawyer of Easthampton, subject: "Enthusiasm." The hall was beautiful decorated with ferns and fir trees, a screen of ferns being especially attractive. The class motto was "Not finished but begun." The reception given by the juniors to the graduating class took place last evening. A pleasing musical and literary programme was well rendered. The hall was beautifully decorated, over a hundred guests were present, and a social evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served.

WILBRAHAM.

Exercises of Commencement Week at Wesleyan Academy.

This has been commencement week at Wesleyan Academy. The baccalaureate services were held in Memorial church Sunday morning. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickerson College, Carlisle, Pa. His theme was "Abiding in the faith," taken from II Timothy iii:14-15. In opening the speaker compared the experience of the Christian in the "Slough of Despond," as described by Bunyan, with the experience of doubt and spiritual despondency sure to overtake every earnest soul brought face to face, for the first time, with the problems and speculations of the age. There is a time in the life of every earnest thinker when for him to doubt is as natural as to breathe, when he challenges all his accepted beliefs and drifts aimlessly upon a wide, tossing sea of unbelief. Such a period ordinarily comes to one when in school or college, when he first begins to really think for himself. But a sober second thought should always be given. The Bible is a book which possesses the most wonderful vitality. It has been exposed to the crucial fires of a criticism more fierce and deadly than has ever been hurled against any book, but it still lives. It cannot die. Here the speaker gave a graphic account of the three great assaults upon the integrity and credibility of the scriptures witnessed during the last century, and said that in these conflicts the Bible had come off victorious. In conclusion he urged his young hearers to give heed to the inquistion of the text: to continue in the things which they had learned and been assured of: to remember from whom they had learned them: to glory only in the cross, the symbol of the hope of the world.

In the evening the sermon to the alumni was preached by Rev. Dr. C. J. North of New Haven, Ct. The text was 1 Cor. iii: 21-22, the theme, "The Heritage of Christ." Some of the greatest sayings of Jesus and Paul were extorted from them by the exigencies of the ministry. Jesus eluded his enemies in an hour of supreme peril by giving the world the maxim, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." In the highest, most just and prominent sense all things are the heritage and the present possession of the genuine Christian. Masons, churches, fraternities and families boast themselves upon the great names that have come down to them as the heritage of the past. England's highest boast is in the names of Shakespeare and Milton, of Burke and Pitt. America's greatest pride is the names of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Webster, Lincoln and Grant. So, too, the Christian has his heritage of great names, and first of all is the ever-living name of Jesus.

Monday oral examinations were held during the day, and at 4 p. m. the art exhibition was held in Fisk hall. The junior declamation contest was held in the chapel in the evening.

Tuesday the annual meeting of the trustees was held. In the afternoon the class day exercises were held on the campus, the various parts of the programme being exceptionally well rendered. The annual concert under the auspices of the musical department of the Academy was given in Memorial church in the evening.

The exercises were continued on Wednesday, the principal event of the day being the dedication of the new gymnasium, which took place in the building at 2:30 p. m. The oration of the day was delivered by Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley of New York, editor of the *Christian Advocate*. His subject was "The Improvement of the body by rational exercise." Before the address Principal Newhall presented the building to the trustees of the Academy in behalf of the trustees of the Horace Smith estate, through whose liberality the building was erected. The gymnasium cost about $45,000, and is one of the best equipped in the country. The response in behalf of the trustees was given by John R. Butts of Hartford.

In the morning the prizes for the year were awarded and the graduates of the commercial department were awarded their diplomas. The winners of the Bond declamation prize for the Junior class were announced as Miss Elizabeth Beekman of Somerville, Edward C. Jones. The winners of the Upham declamation prize for first and second year students were Florence May Green of Wilbraham, Howard T. Ballard of Hampden.

The exercises of the week closed yesterday. The graduation exercises were held in Memorial church at 9:30 o'clock. President Newhall addressed the class and presented the diplomas. At 1 o'clock in the forenoon the alumni dinner was held in the dining room of Rich hall, at which a large number of alumni were present.

A Pretty June Wedding.

Wigwam Hill Stock Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Bolles, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening, when their sister, Ida Laura, was married to Arthur Smith of Palmer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Howard, pastor of the First Congregational church, with a ring, and Miss M. Elizabeth Howard, organist of the same church, played the wedding march, the couple standing under draperies of laurel in the north parlor. The little nieces of the bride, Hazel Bolles and Ida Warner, in pink silk, were ribbon girls, and Marjorie Bolles, in white organdie and blue, and Ruth Warren in white organdie and pink, were flower girls. The bride was gowned in white with a white veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses, which flowers she also wore in her hair. The mantels in both parlors were banked with roses, and the doorway between draped with laurel. The mantel in the northeast room, where the numerous and valuable gifts were displayed, was also banked with flowers, and there was a bank of the same in the front entrance hall, the balustrade being wound round with laurel and roses. About 150 invitations had been given, and friends were present from Springfield, Monson, Palmer, Willimantic and Rockville. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for their new home in Palmer, which had been made ready for them.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Stafford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Colds and Coughs is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles of LeGro & Lynde, Palmer; and G. L. Keeney, Monson.

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What Morse the Printer in Holyoke Has to Say About It.

The *British Printer*, a journal published *in* London, England, patronized by printers, publishers and authors, wherever the Anglo-Saxon is spoken, has paid a very high tribute to the artistic work of Mr. Frank Morse of 25 High street, Holyoke. Yet even with a European reputation added to a local and continental, he was not happy. He consulted physicians who prescribed without relief for the grinding backache and lameness over the kidneys that hung to him like a barnacle. The languor and depression that always accompanies kidney complaint interfered with his designing and it is probable that had he not procured Doan's Kidney Pills he might still be suffering and still hampered in his professional capacity. Doan's Kidney Pills proved effective and in speaking about the case Mr. Morse says: "We had some parlor doors to remove and I was assisting. While carrying one I slipped on a stair and strained myself, which I imagine was the cause of the kidney trouble. I had great lameness in the lumbar region and depressing pains in my back and a tired and weighing down feeling oppressed me. One physician said it was merely muscular rheumatism, another, 'oh, yes, muscular rheumatism; it emenates from your kidneys.' I took for granted it was kidney trouble and I concluded to try Doan's Kidney Pills about which I had read considerable. I am very much pleased with their action. They removed the backache and lameness and I have no longer frequent action of the kidney secretions. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Mary Sullivan, late of Palmer, Mass., deceased, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and having its usual place of business at said Palmer, dated October 24, 1889, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 455, folio 333, will be sold at public auction at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the third day of July, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—Three certain tracts of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows:

First—Beginning on the west side of Water street in the Depot Village of said Palmer, at the east corner of land of John Murphy, and one rod distant from the New London Northern Railroad Company's land; thence southerly in a line parallel with said company's line eight rods to a stake and stones; thence westerly on land formerly of A. N. Dewey 13 rods to a stake at corner of land formerly of Daniel Dawson; thence northerly by land formerly of said Dawson 12 rods to a lane; thence easterly on said lane five rods to said Murphy's west corner; thence southerly on said Murphy four rods; thence easterly by said Murphy's line eight rods to the first mentioned bound, containing 124 rods of land, more or less.

Second—Also one other tract of land, situate on the lane above referred to and bounded as follows: Beginning at the west corner of land formerly of said Dawson; thence southerly on land formerly of said Dawson 12 rods; thence westerly on land formerly of said Dewey four rods; thence northerly on land formerly of said Dewey 12 rods to said lane; thence easterly on said lane four rods to place of beginning, containing 48 rods of land, more or less.

Third—Also another tract of land, beginning on the southeasterly corner of a tract of land sold by said A. N. Dewey to one William Ronan and one rod distant from the westerly line of lands of the New London Northern Railroad Company; thence running southeasterly in a line parallel with said railroad company's line, but one rod distant therefrom, four rods to a stake; thence southwesterly eight rods; thence northwesterly four rods to said Ronan's southwest corner; thence northeasterly on said Ronan land eight rods to the first mentioned bound, containing 32 rods of land, more or less, together with a right in common with others, to pass over the strip of land one rod wide in front of said lot and the Ronan lot for purposes of egress and regress to and from the highway. Subject to the right of the public as the highways included in the above description.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

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Palmer, Mass., June 10, 1897. 11-3

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nathan W. Bond, late of Palmer, in said County, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ida M. Bond of Palmer, in said County of Hampden, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the seventh day of July, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

11-3 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Robert Chambers and Eliza Jane Chambers, both of Palmer, Mass., to Mary L. Davis and Myron H. Davis, dated March 10, 1890, and recorded with Hampden County Deeds, Book 465, Page 352, for breach of the condition of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises, on Saturday, the tenth day of July, A. D., 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz:—A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, standing in the village of Three Rivers in Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, viz:—Beginning at the northwest corner of land formerly owned by Josiah Witt, (deceased); thence running easterly about 14 rods to the land of the New London and Northern Railroad Company; thence northerly on said land of the New London Northern Railroad Company 24 feet to a stake and stones; thence southwesterly about 14 rods to the highway leading from the said Three Rivers to the Depot Village in said Palmer; thence on said highway to the first mentioned bound about 62 feet. Said premises will be sold subject to unpaid taxes and assessments, if any, existing thereon.

Terms, $100 down at time and place of sale, balance upon delivery of deed within one week.

MARY L. DAVIS, } Mortgagees.
MYRON H. DAVIS. }
H. M. CONEY, Attorney.
Ware, Mass, June 14, 1897. 12-3

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WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.
Monson, March 25th, 1897. 52-tf

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In order to meet the demands of Saturday's trading, we have secured a quantity of new patterns from a maker of exclusive designs which, in addition to a large assortment of our own superior-made garments, will make about

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Guaranty Fund	44,500.00
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Real Estate Income Account	400.30
	$1,172,705.26

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Public Funds, State, City and Town Bonds	121,000.00
Bank Stocks	38,800.00
Railroad Bonds	122,000.00
Expenses Paid	1,187.65
Real Estate, Bank Building	14,500.00
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Owing to our having more medium and low-priced goods on hand than we want, especially on

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If you are looking for a good shoe cheap, you will do well to examine the goods, and see at what a very low price we are selling them. For we think it will be no trouble to show you that they are

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Come in before the best of them are gone.

BE SURE YOU REMEMBER you always get

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Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim
As the swift years steal away.
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim
Lose fairness with every day.
But she still is queen and hath charms to spare
Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful hair.

Preserve Your Hair

and you preserve your youth. "A woman is as old as she looks," says the world. No woman looks as old as she is if her hair has preserved its normal beauty. You can keep hair from falling out, restoring its normal color, or restore the normal color to gray or faded hair, by the use of

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CORRECTED TO OCT. 5, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE WARE:

GOING EAST.

Boston—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.45 a. m.; 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
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RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.45, 11.24 a. m.; 4.28, 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

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He Knows.

She was ironing her dolly's new gown,
Maid Marion, four years old,
With her brows puckered down
In a painstaking frown
Under her tresses of gold.

"Twas Sunday, and nurse, coming in,
Exclaimed in a tone of surprise,
"Don't you know it's a sin
Any work to begin
On the day that the Lord sanctifies?"

Then, lifting her face like a rose,
Thus answered this wise little tot:
"Now don't you suppose
The good Lord he knows
This little iron ain't hot?"

"WAR."

We had been fighting on the edge of the woods. Every cartridge box had been emptied once or more, and one-fourth of the brigade had melted away in dead, wounded and missing. We knew that we were being driven, foot by foot, and that when we broke once more, the line would go to pieces and the enemy pour through the gap.

Here comes help. Down the crowded highway gallops a battery. The field fence is scattered, the ammunition chests open, and along our lines runs the order, "Give them one more volley and fall back to support the guns." We have scarcely obeyed, when boom! boom! opens the battery and jets of fire jump down and scorch the green trees under which we fought. The shattered old brigade has a chance to breathe for the first time in three hours as we form a line and lie down.

What grim, cool fellows those cannoneers are! Every man is a perfect machine. Bullets splash dust in their faces, but they do not wince. Bullets sing over and around, they do not dodge. There goes one to earth, shot through the head as he sponged his gun. That machinery loses just one beat, misses just one cog in the wheel, and then works again as before. Every gun is using fuse shells. The ground shakes and trembles, the roar shuts out all sounds from a line three miles long, and shells go shrieking into the swamp to cut trees short off, to mow great gaps in the bushes, to hunt out and shatter and mangle men until their corpses cannot be recognized as human. You would think a tornado was howling through the forest, followed by billows of fire, and yet men live through it—aye, press forward to capture the battery. We can hear their shouts as they form for the rush. Now the shells are changed for grape and canister, and guns are fired so fast that all reports blend into one mighty roar. The shriek of a shell is the wickedest sound in war; but nothing makes the flesh crawl like the demoniacal singing, purring, whistling grapeshot, and the serpent-like hiss of canister. Men's legs and heads are torn from their bodies. A round shot or shell takes two men out of the ranks as it crushes through. Grape and canister mow a swath and pile the dead on top of each other. Through the smoke we see a swarm of men. It is not a battle line, but a mob of men desperate enough to bathe their bayonets in flame of the guns. The guns leap from the ground almost, as they are depressed on the foe, and shrieks and screams and shouts are blended into one awful and steady cry. Twenty men out of the battery are down, and the firing is interrupted. The foe accept it as a sign of wavering and come rushing on. They are not ten feet away when the guns give them a last shot. That discharge picks living men off their feet and throws them into the swamp, a blackened, bloody mass. Up, now, as the enemy are among the guns!

There is a silence for ten seconds and then the flash and roar of 3000 muskets, and we rush forward with bayonets. For what? Neither on the right nor left, nor in front of us a living foe! There are corpses around us which have been struck by three, four and even six bullets, and nowhere on this acre of ground is a wounded man. The wheels of the guns cannot move until the blockade of dead is removed. Men cannot pass from caisson to gun without climbing over windrows of dead. Every gun and wheel is smeared with blood; every foot of grass has its horrible stain. Historians write of the glory of war. Burial parties saw murder where historians see glory.—*New York American.*

HOW JOHNNY SPOKE HIS PIECE.

A small orator made his debut in front of a large audience at a West-side clubhouse the other night, and it is safe to predict that he will not follow further in the footsteps of Demosthenes after his recent experience, says the Chicago *Tribune*. His deluded but loving family, who had egged him on to this sacrifice, were mostly with him in the dressing-room. His age being seven, they wanted him to be sure that his bangs did not fall over his eyes and obscure his view of his mother, father, aunt, uncles and cousins in reserved seats directly in front.

"Now, Johnny," said the mother, "be sure you make a nice bow."

"You bet I will," said Johnny, with a swagger.

"And let your hands hang easily by your side, like this," and his father struck an attitude.

"Of course," assented Johnny.

"Are you sure you know your piece?" asked his sister, anxious to have him succeed.

"Yep," said Johnny, and he recited the first two lines:—

I wish I had a little dog,
To pat him on the head.

"That's right: he'll do splendidly," remarked his mother. "You'll go on in a minute now, and we must get into our seats. Don't be scared a bit, Johnny."

Whoth scared?" asked Johnny, who began to feel a sinking of the knees, while his heart seemed to rise until it was in his mouth, and then somebody was pushing him forward, and he saw a lot of faces, not one of which he had ever seen before, and it was lighter than any electric searchlight he had ever seen.

"Speak up, now," said the manager of the entertainment. "Make your bow and say your piece?"

Johnny made his bow and the audience applauded, and he had a difficulty in finding his tongue, which seemed lost in the roof of his mouth. His hands hung down as his father suggested, making him look like a little wooden man, and when he forgot and stuffed them in his pocket the audience again applauded. The manager took that opportunity for a stage whisper:

"Speak up, now," and he began the first line. Then Johnny said in a strange hoarse voice:—

I wish I had a little pat
To dog him on the head.

Roars of laughter, and frantic demonstrations on the part of Johnny's family.

He began again:—

I wish I had a little pat
To head him on the dog.

His father rose in his seat, but this only added to Johnny's confusion.

Again the brave boy essayed:—

I wish I had a little dog,
To head him on the pat.

Then a weary family took Johnny by the hand and led him home.

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Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar acts like magic for a cough or any throat or bronchial trouble. Ask your druggist.

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Croquet Sets, 75c to $4.50 a set.

Tennis Rackets and Fixtures and Ball Goods at cost to close out.

Hungarian Grass Seed, Goldwin Millet, Evergreen Fodder Corn.

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23	"	16	"	13
24	"	20	"	16
26	"	23	"	19
28	"	28	"	23
32	"	15	"	12
33	"	17.50	"	14
37	"	22	"	17
41	"	24	"	18
42	"	27	"	21
050	"	36	"	28
051	"	40	"	30
0200	"	20	"	16
0201	"	24	"	18
0220	"	30	"	22
210	"	16	"	12
211	"	21	"	16
220	"	26	"	20
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Delivered to you in bags, and all screened and put in bin FREE of extra charge.

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W. E. STONE.

We mention a few of our many bargains.

35 bars Lenox Soap,	$1
6 bars Bee Soap,	25c
10 lb. pail Springfield Provision Co's. Pure Lard,	55c
6 lbs. Good Starch,	25c
4 lbs. Good Raisins,	25c
5 lbs. Prunes,	25c
3 lbs. Prunes, best,	25c

W. E. Stone, Lawrence Blk., Palmer.

TELEPHONE 21-2.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

☞The editor of this column would like to arrange with the baseball teams in the surrounding towns for scores of the games, to be sent to the JOURNAL office immediately after they are played. Also for a schedule of games to be played.

BASE BALL.

Eastern League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Buffalo,	29	16	66.4	Toronto,	23	23	50.0
Syracuse,	29	16	66.4	Providence,	20	25	44.4
Springfield,	23	21	52.3	Rochester,	19	27	41.3
Scranton,	21	20	51.2	Wilkesb're,	13	29	31.0

National League Standing.

Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P. C.
Boston,	35	13	72.9	Cleveland,	23	25	47.9
Baltimore,	34	13	72.3	Philadelphia,	23	28	45.1
Cincinnati,	30	17	63.8	Washington,	20	26	43.5
New York,	28	18	60.9	Louisville,	19	29	39.6
Brooklyn,	24	24	50.0	Chicago,	19	30	38.8
Pittsburg,	23	24	48.9	St. Louis,	10	41	19.6

Three Rivers 14—North Wilbraham 1.

The Three Rivers met the North Wilbrahams at Three Rivers last Saturday afternoon and administered unto them a crushing defeat. Briesette was an easy mark for the Three Rivers sluggers, and his curves were straightened out with great frequency. Fifteen hits were made off his delivery. Lane was hit quite hard at times but managed to keep the hits well scattered. Henrichon, Beauchamp and Manning did the best stick work for the home team, and Lyons and W. Murphy excelled for the visitors. The score.

T. R.	r	b	po	a	e	N. W.	r	b	po	a	e
Deforge, r,	1	0	1	0	0	Friend, s,	0	0	3	2	3
Lane, p,	3	2	0	8	0	J. M'ri'y, 2,	0	1	3	1	2
Manning, 1,	1	2	8	0	0	Lynch, l,	0	4	0	0	0
Beauc'p, l,	1	3	2	0	0	G. M'ri'y, c,	0	0	10	0	1
Story, s,	1	1	0	3	0	Bowers, 3,	1	1	2	2	0
Shabot, m,	1	1	4	0	0	Cavana'h, r,	0	2	0	0	0
Shearer, 3,	1	1	2	3	0	W. M'ri'y, l,	0	3	8	0	0
Connor, c,	2	2	8	0	0	Lyons, m,	0	1	0	0	0
Henric'n, 2,	3	3	2	1	0	Briese'e, p,	0	1	1	9	0
Total,	14	15	27	15	3	Total,	1	13	27	14	6

T. R:	4	2	1	1	3	0	1	2	—14	
N. W.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1	

Times at bat, Three Rivers 47, North Wilbraham 40. Two-base hits, Manning, Beauchamp. Three-base hits, Henrichon, Shabot, Lyons. First bases on balls, Lane 1, Briesette 3. Struck out, Lane 7, Briesette 8. Double play, Friend and Murphy. Time 2h, 10m. Umpire, Fogarty and Norton.

Thorndikes 13—Wares 10.

Thorndike and Ware played an exciting game on the pumping station grounds at Ware Saturday before six hundred spectators, which was won by the former team Both teams hit the sphere forcibly and often, but Thorndike excelled in fielding and team work. Keefe, Danihy and Davis played the best game for Ware. Roche, Sullivan, Riley and Kennedy excelled for Thorndike. The score:

Thorndike.	r	b	po	a	e	Ware.	r	b	po	a	e
Fle'g, 2, p,	0	0	1	4	0	Mor'ty, m,	1	1	2	0	0
Roach, 1,	2	3	2	2	1	Danihy, s,	0	3	2	5	0
Chap'n, 1,	1	2	4	0	1	O'Con'r, 2,	1	3	2	1	3
Long'e, r,	2	0	0	0	0	Buckley, 1,	1	1	7	0	1
Sullivan, c,	2	3	5	3	0	Wilson, l,	1	1	3	0	1
Riley, 3,	1	3	4	5	1	Dock, 3,	2	2	0	0	2
Hurley, m,	2	2	2	0	1	Brown, r,	1	3	0	0	0
Mu'hy, s, p,	1	1	2	2	1	Keefe, c,	1	2	11	3	0
Ken'y'n, 2,	2	3	3	1	0	Davis, p,	2	2	0	9	0
Total,	13	17	27	17	5	Total,	10	18	27	18	7

Ware,	0	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	2	—10
Thorndike,	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	4	—13

Times at bat, Thorndike 46, Ware 43. Earned runs, Thorndike 6, Ware 4. Total bases, Thorndike 20, Ware 18. Stolen bases, Danihy 2, Wilson, Dock, Roach, Murphy, Kennedy. Two-base hits, Roche, Sullivan, Riley. First base on balls, Moriarty, Danihy, Wilson, Chapman, Longtine. First base on errors, Thorndike 2, Ware 3. Left on bases, Thorndike 8, Ware 7. Struck out, Dock, Davis, Flemming, Chapman 2, Longtine 4, Sullivan. Double play, Riley and Chapman. Passed balls, Keefe, Sullivan. Wild pitch, Davis. Time, 2h 15. Umpires, Moran and Murphy.

The Ludlows defeated the Chicopee Falls Lyceum team at Ludlow Saturday, 11 to 7.

JEFFERSON'S INAUGURATION.

No inauguration myth has been more tenacious of life than that which pictured Jefferson, attired as a plain citizen, riding on horseback to the capital, hitching his horse to the palings and walking unattended into the senate chamber to take the oath as president. To have done this would have been in accordance with his previous utterances, for he had strongly condemned as savoring of monarchy all public ceremony at the swearing in of a president. When the time for his own inauguration arrived, however, the case seems to have looked different to him. Whether it was because he was to be the first president inaugurated at the new capitol, or because of an unwillingness to disappoint the large numbers of of his friends and partisans who had assembled to honor him, is not clear, but the fact is that he did permit a considerable display at the ceremonies. He was met at the door of his boarding house, which was only a stone's throw from the capitol, by a militia artillery company and a procession of citizens, and, escorted by these, he went on foot to the capitol.

The horseback story, or fake, as it would be denominated in modern journalism, was the invention of an Englishman named John Davis, who put it in a book of American travels which he published in London two years later. In order to give it an air of truthfulness, Davis declared that he was present at the inauguration, which was not true. A veracious account of the ceremonies was sent to England by Edward Thornton, who was then in charge of the legation at Washington, and in this Jefferson was described as having walked to the capitol. These facts, together with a great mass of interesting matter about Jefferson's inauguration, are set forth in detail by Henry Adams in his "History of the United States," and leave no doubt that the Davis version was a pure fabrication.—*Joseph B. Bishop, in the Century.*

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

For neuralgia in face or jaw, a flannel bag filled with very hot salt, heated in a pan, applied frequently, and with the head kept well covered, will relieve it.

Soft paper or old newspapers crumpled up and made soft with the hands are more effective for polishing mirrors, windows and picture glass than chamois or linen.

A loaf of cake that has got stale and dry may be freshened so as to seem newly baked cake by putting it in a tin, covering the tin with another pan, and leaving the whole in a warm oven about twenty minutes.

In buying large rugs for the library or dining room floor it is often possible to get the poles on which they are rolled. These will be found useful on cleaning days. The rug is handled much more easily by rolling it upon its pole than by dragging or carrying it.

Housekeeper says the proper way to cleanse black or drab-colored stockings of cotton or lisle thread is to wash them in bran water. Tie the bran in a muslin bag, and shake this bag about in hot water until the water is a lather. Wash the stockings in this water and then wrap them in cloths and ring well. Shake the stockings out and dry quickly before the fire. Stockings washed in this way retain their color.

Prof. Shuetuck says: "Eat fruit for breakfast. Eat fruit for luncheon; avoid pastry; stun muffins and crumpets and battered toast. Eat whole meal bread; decline potatoes if they are served more than once a day. Do not drink tea or coffee; walk four miles every day; take a bath every day; wash the face every night in warm water and sleep eight hours. You will never need nerve medicine."

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SOME OF CALIFORNIA'S BIG TREES.

In the national parks and forest reserves of California the big trees are by far the most interesting and greatest natural features. There are two varieties, namely, *Sequoia sempervirens*, ordinarily known as the "redwood," the tree which has furnished most of the redwood lumber of commerce, and, *Sequoia gigantea*, from which a comparatively small amount of similar lumber has also been made. The former is the smaller variety, and grows on the foothills along the coast; the latter attains a considerably larger growth, is, more strictly speaking, the "big tree" of California, and is seldom found at a lower altitude than 5000 feet.

Scattered along the extent of the Sierra Nevadas from north to south are many distinct and separate groups or groves of *Sequoia gigantea*. These are generally known by names significant of locality, as, for instance, "Calaveras," "Tuolumne," "Mariposa," and "Fresno," names of the counties in which the groves so called are situated. The Tuolumne Grove is in the Yosemite Park, and the Mariposa near by. This latter is the one most frequently visited by tourists, and contains the "Wawona"—a tree with a hole burnt in its base, through which the stage road runs and four-horse stages are driven without difficulty—and the "Grizzly Giant," one of the largest trees in the world.

The stately grandeur of these enormous and lofty trees is so impressive it seems quite fit and natural that some of the larger ones should have been individualized and honored with distinguished titles. Nearly every State in the Union and every distinguished general of the civil war has a namesake among them. The "General Grant," in the General Grant Park, and the "General Sheridan" of the "Giant Forest" (situated in the Sequoia Park), are individuals of the largest size. It is difficult to determine just which of the big trees is the largest, but these two and the "Grizzly Giant"—the gnarly base of any one of which will exceed thirty feet in diameter—are probably the biggest trees yet discovered.

The trees often grow in such inaccessible mountain retreats that some of the territory covered by them has never yet been thoroughly and systematically explored. Outside the lands reserved by the government, a California lumber company owns several thousand acres of these trees—enough to last forty years, cutting many millions of feet per year.—*Harper's Weekly.*

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